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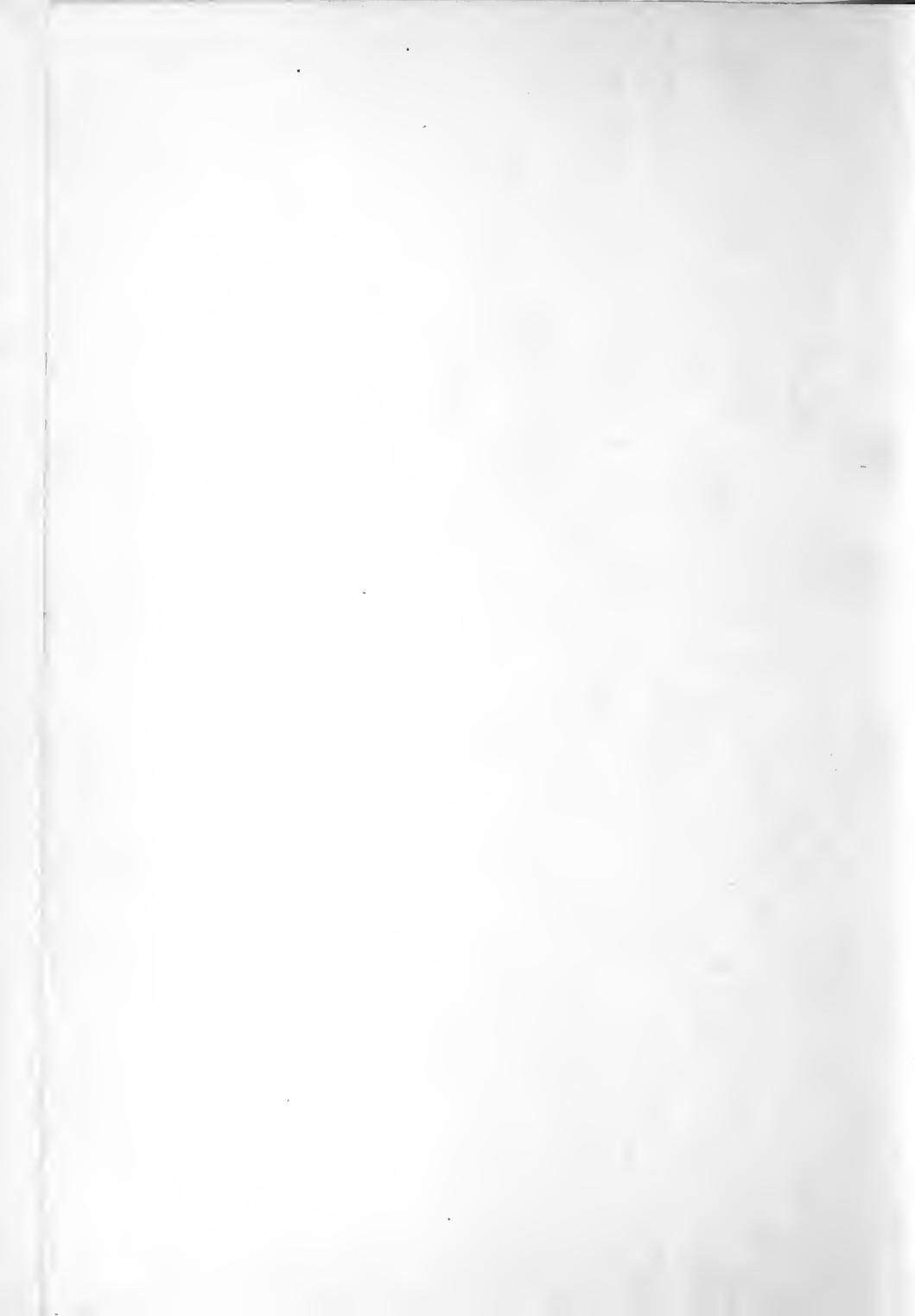
—“But friend, to me
He is all fault who hath no fault at all.
For who loves me must have a touch of earth.”

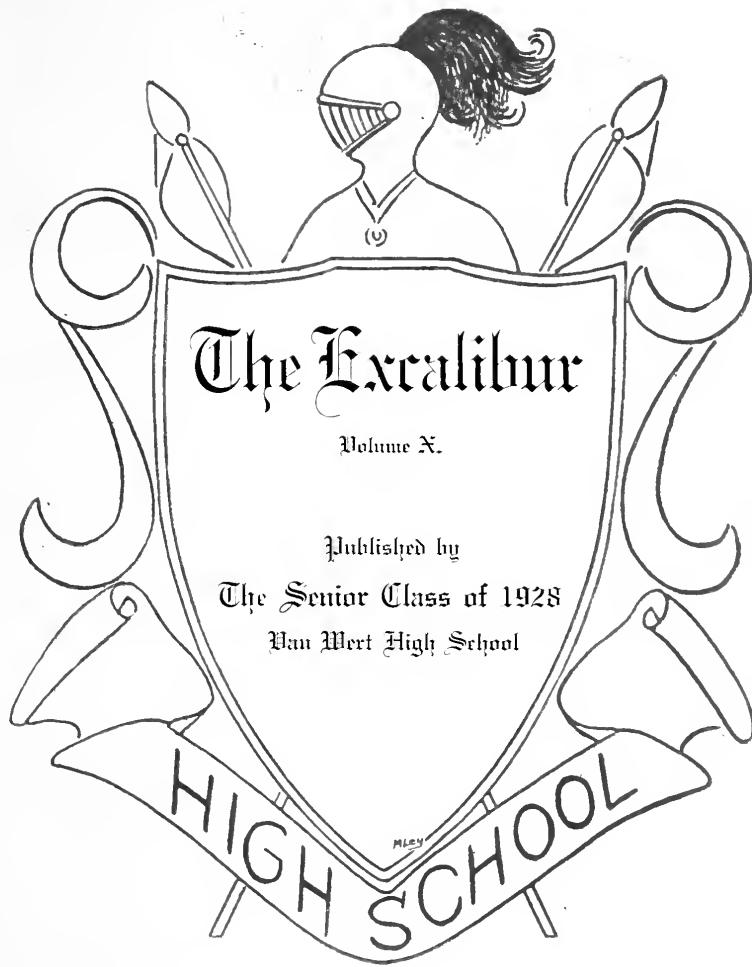
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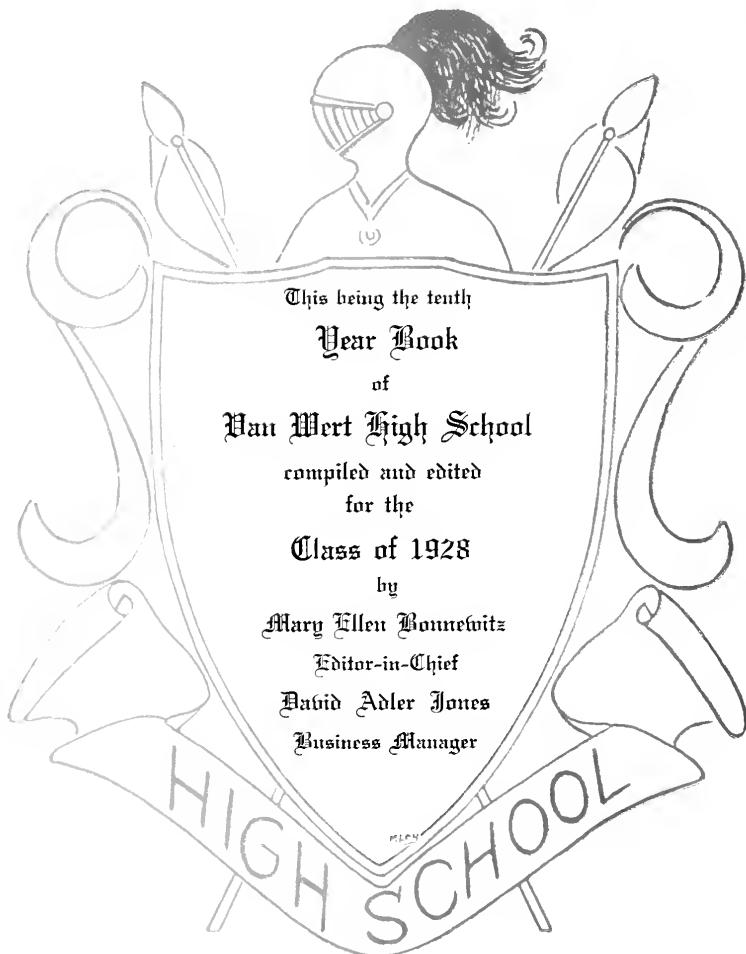
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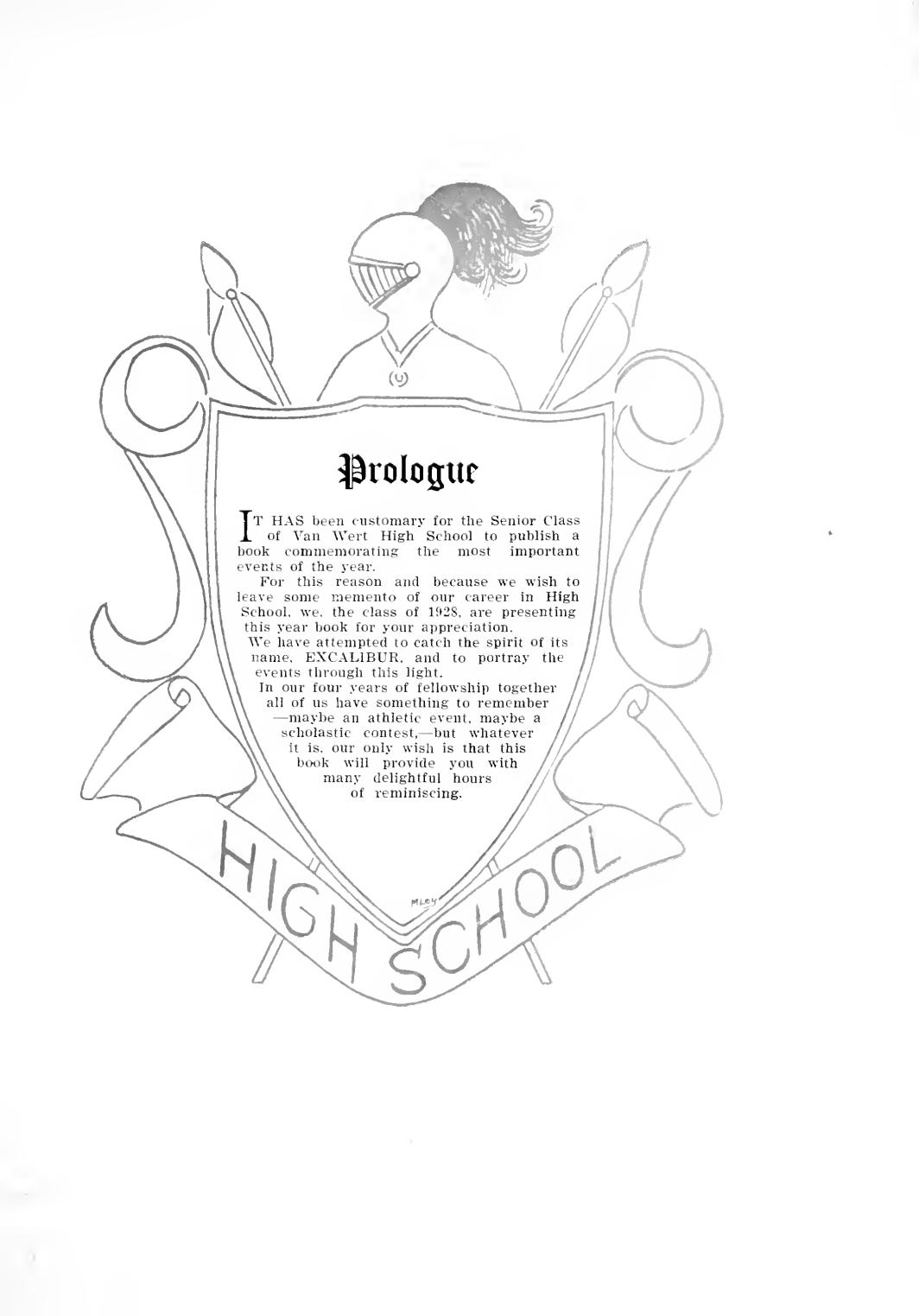
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The Senior Class of 1928
Van Wert High School

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Prologue

IT HAS been customary for the Senior Class of Van Wert High School to publish a book commemorating the most important events of the year.

For this reason and because we wish to leave some memento of our career in High School, we, the class of 1928, are presenting this year book for your appreciation.

We have attempted to catch the spirit of its name, EXCALIBUR, and to portray the events through this light.

In our four years of fellowship together all of us have something to remember — maybe an athletic event, maybe a scholastic contest,—but whatever it is, our only wish is that this book will provide you with many delightful hours of reminiscing.

HIGH SCHOOL
M.L.W.

Dedication



WE, the Senior Class of 1928, respectfully
dedicate this tenth volume of THE EXCAL-
IBUR to

Mr. H. Benjamin Spieth

whose efficiency, perseverance, abounding goodwill
and loyalty have won for him the admiration and
amity of the entire student body.





The Value of an Education

SOMEONE has computed the value of time spent in high school and college and found it to be worth ten dollars per day in additional earnings. Regardless of the correctness of these figures we all agree that a certain value is attached to time spent in the pursuit of learning. We need only look around us at the wonderful high schools, and the numerous colleges and universities with their magnificent plants, which have as their sole purpose the dissemination of knowledge, to realize how universal this belief is.

Even with all of these witnesses of the value of an education when confronted by the direct question, "What is the chief value of an education?" we are compelled to resort to thought before venturing an opinion. Does its value lie in the store of information gained, in the increased value attached to our services, in our added prestige in society, or in the personal satisfaction gained? Of course all of these elements are embodied in an answer to this question.

However, I am persuaded that the chief value of an education lies in the increased and varied interests which arise from the pursuit of knowledge. The more interests we have the better educated we become and the more valuable we are to society. As one educator has put it, "a person is merely the sum of all of his interests." As one interest leads to another and this in turn stimulates us to further thought and action, it is evident that the duty of educators of today is to arouse, create, and direct the interests of those who come under their direction. The better this is accomplished, the more influential and valuable citizens we become.

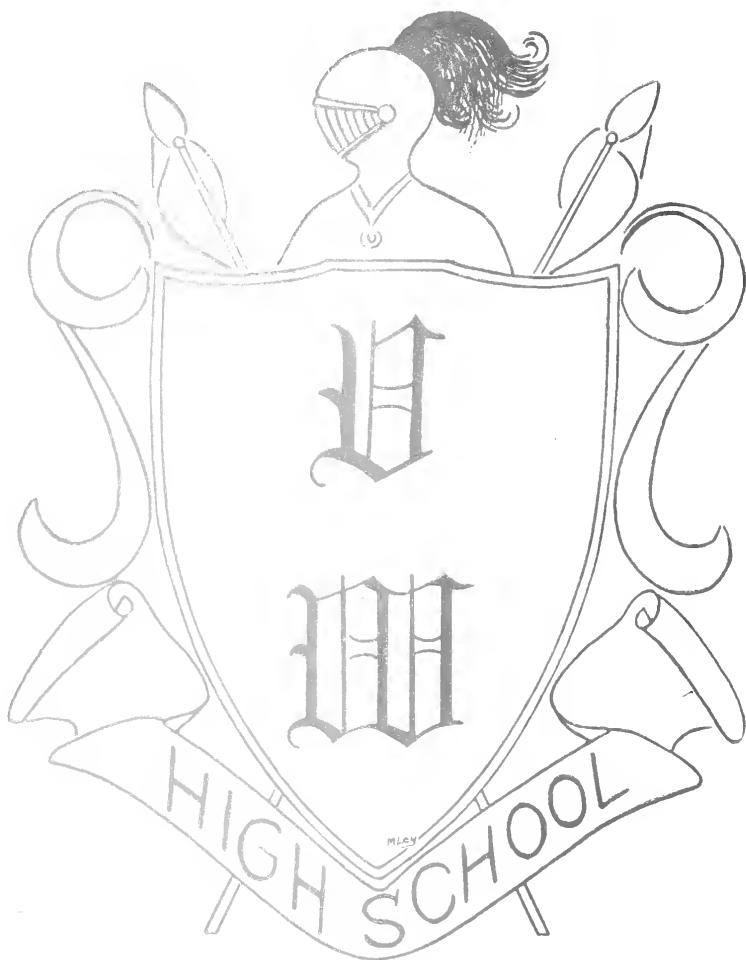
—E. L. MOVER.





The Round Table

*"I know the Table Round, my friends of old;
All brave and many generous."*





Board of Education



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**H. L. SULLIVAN—*Superintendent of
Van Wert Public Schools***

Mr. Sullivan has been Superintendent of the Van Wert schools for nine years and has been elected for another term of three years. He has proved himself very capable in his work and has won the respect and admiration of all the students.

Columbia University, M.A.
Ohio State University
Ohio University, A.B.

FLOYD FRAYLIC—*President*

Mr. Fraylic has been a member of the board for four years and is serving his second term. Mr. Fraylic is general manager of the Advance Machinery Company.

HOMER GANT—*Vice-President*

Mr. Gant was chosen to fill Mr. John Evans's place on the Board and is serving as Vice-President. Mr. Gant is the General Manager of the Ohio Power Company in Van Wert.

**J. J. PRICE—*Custodian of the John M.
Strandler Memorial Fund***

Mr. Price has been a member of the Board since January. He is Chief Clerk of the Car Department, Cincinnati Northern Shops.

FRED CLARK—*Secretary*

Mr. Clark has been a member of the Board for six years and is now serving his second term. Mr. Clark, outside of his secretarial duties, is teller at the People's Bank.

**MILLER ENGLISH—*Custodian of Perrin
M. De Puy Fund***

Mr. English has been a member of the Board of Education since January. He is Credit Manager for the Van Wert Overall Manufacturing Company.

E. L. MOYER—*Principal of High School*

Mr. Moyer came to us just this year from Marquette, Michigan. Although he has been with us such a short time he has proven himself worthy by his enthusiasm and his efforts to push our school and to promote all its activities.

Ohio Wesleyan University, A.B.
Chicago University, M.A.
Columbia University



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Faculty

ARMSTRONG, ETHEL
St. Mary's, O.
English I
Miami University
Ohio State University



BOWLAND, ORRIN D.
Van Wert, O.
American History
Civics
E. E. History
Ohio Northern University
University of Chicago



CHRYST, MARY
Van Wert, O.
History, English
Wittenberg College



COTNER, WILBUR C.
Van Wert, O.
Biology
Chemistry
Faculty Adviser of EXCALIBUR
Ohio Northern University
Ohio State University



CROSBY, OTIS A.
Detroit, Mich.
General Science
English III
News Van Adviser
College of Detroit
Wittenberg College



FANCHER, CLEORA
Lodi, O.
English II
Public Speaking
Play Director
Ohio Wesleyan University

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GALLAPOO, RALPH
Van Wert, O.
Commercial Arithmetic
Algebra
Economics
Ohio Northern University
University of Michigan



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NOTT, ENID PLOTNER
Van Wert, O.
Home Economics
Ohio State University

MC GINNIS, RALPH J.
Van Wert, O.
Coach of Athletics
Civics
English III & IV
U. S. Geography
Miami University
Sorbonne University, Paris, France

SPIETH, H. BENJAMIN
Van Wert, O.
Manager of Athletics
Physics
Biology
Defiance College
Ohio State University

RAMSEY, HAZEL
Van Wert, O.
Jr. High
Geography
Literature
Bowling Green Normal

NOTT, ELWOOD E.
Van Wert, O.
Commercial
Bookkeeping I & II
Business English
Shorthand II
Office Practice
College of Commerce, Madison, Wis.
Bliss College of Commerce

WILLIAMS, A. G.
Van Wert, O.
Manual Training
Olivet College
Hillsdale College
Michigan State Normal School

ZIPPERLEN, REVA
Columbus, O.
History
French I & II
Orchestra
Ohio University
Ohio State University

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HALL, GRACE

Van Wert, O.

Latin I, II, III, IV

Ohio Wesleyan University

University of Berlin, Germany



HANKAMMER, ANNA

Van Wert, O.

English

Spelling

Michigan State Teachers' College

Ohio Northern University



HUGGINS, VICTORIA

Leesburg, O.

Algebra

Geometry

Vocations

Ohio Wesleyan University

Graduate Work at Ohio State U.



GRIESMER, HULDA M.

Van Wert, O.

Commercial

Typing I & II

Shorthand

Terre Haute Normal

Indiana University

JONES, JAMES H.

Van Wert, O.

Music

Dr. O. H. Evan's School of Music

Ohio Northern University



LEHNING, HENRY W.

Van Wert, O.

Manual Training

Ohio University

Ohio State University



MERCER, F. M.

Van Wert, O.

Mathematics

Opportunity

Ohio University

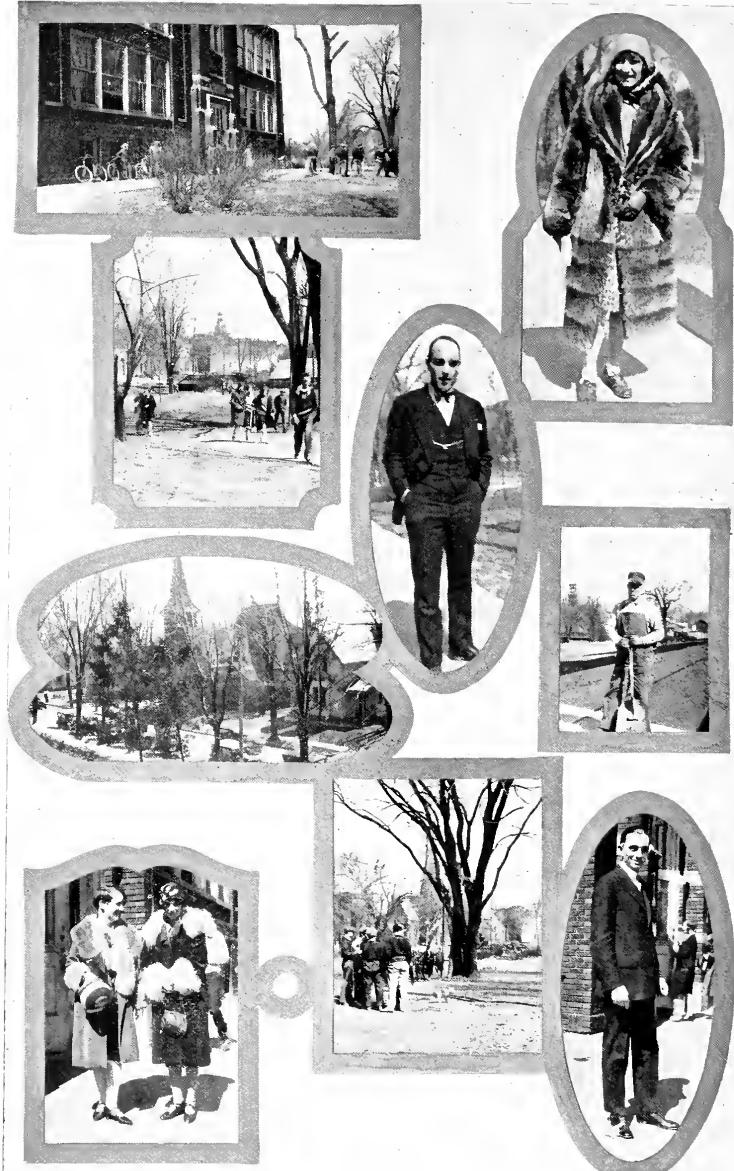
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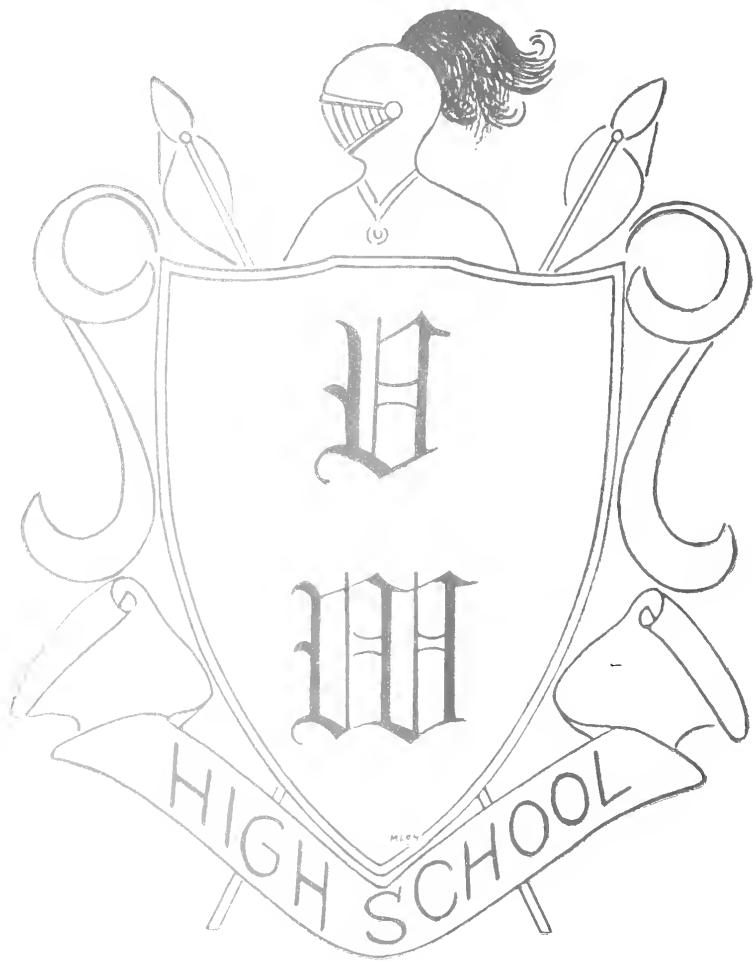
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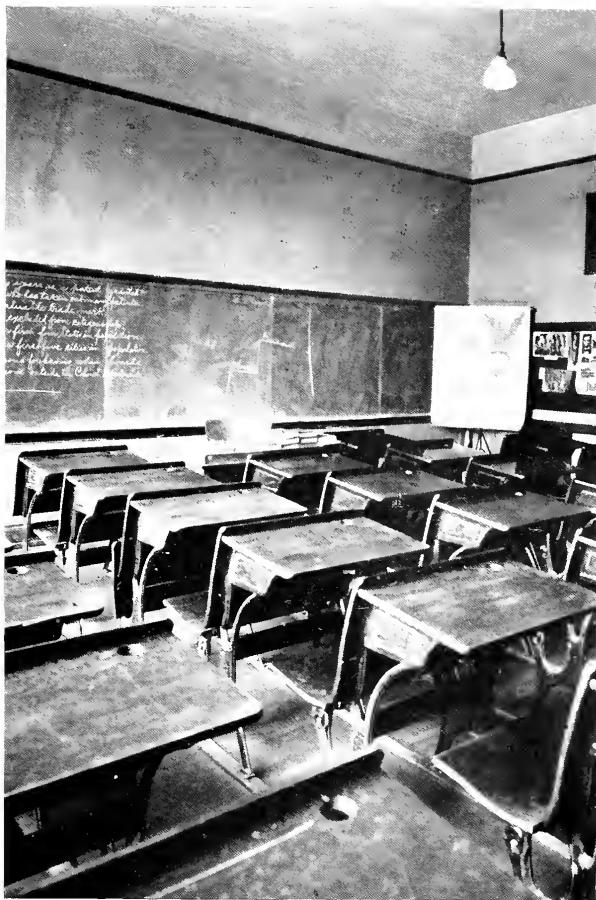




Knights and Ladies

*"Live pure, speak true, right wrong, follow the King—
Else, wherefore born?"*





Class Presidents



AUSTIN EDWARDS—*Senior President*

Little did this wide-open mouthed babe dream that some day he would be chosen to pilot the class of '28 through three years of high school activities. And quite nobly has he done!

RICHARD GOOD—*Junior President*

Although this small youngster's secret ambition seems to be, witnessing the picture, to play ball—he in his later years instead, decided to guide his class of '29, and has done so for two years very efficiently.

DANIEL HELMAN—*Sophomore President*

Little Danny Helman used to love ponies and now has one, he calls "Cæsar." His ambitions were high and he never stopped until he attained the presidency of the class of '30, which he has executed capably.

EUGENE SCHMIDT—*Freshman President*

Even at such a tender age, this rosy-cheeked child had longings to be "ye football hero" and grow up to be the big, bad, bold Freshman President, which he has been—and How!



Seniors

*"—To loyal hearts the value of all gifts
Must vary as the givers."*

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BRANDON, LUCY—"Cile"

She's a quiet little miss,
Room 27—
To her is bliss.

CORATHERS, DOROTHY—"Dot"

Dot's a friend to
All the friendless
And they say
She's quite a chemist.

COUNSELLOR, LOIS—"Toad"

Patiently working
On bookkeeping two
Is what this fair
Miss likes to do.

COURTNEY, EVALEEN—"Lyn"

She writes, she speaks,
She sings,
To Foster much joy
She brings.

CROMWELL, HELEN—"Helen"

In penmanship,
Surpassed by none.
Her lessons, too,
Are all well done.

DICKINSON, TREVLYN—"Trcv"

Trevlyn with his car is fast,
So we have seen
In the past.

DORMAN, LOUISE—"Squee"

She's loyal, frank
and true,
A friend we call
true blue.



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AINSWORTH, VIOLA—"Vi"

Bright blue eyes and
Golden hair,
Whene'er there's gossip
Vi's right there.

ALSPACH, GAYLORD—"Gail"

To a last year's Senior
He's quite devoted;
As a gum-chewer he
Also is noted.

ALSPAUGH, NEVA—"Shorty"

Short of stature,
Long of speech;
"Guess I'll go"—
When someone starts to preach.

BAXTER, D'NELDA—"Nell"

Diligently laboring
Over her books,
Many good grades in
This way she hooks.

BOWER, ROWENA—"Renie"

She's quiet and
She's sweet,
One whom all
Delight to meet.

BOWER, MARGUERITE—"Marg"

A girl whom we delight to know
And one whom
We do not call slow.

BONNEWITZ, MARY EILEEN—"Bonnie"

Our editor-in-chief
Is an artistic lass,
The most popular girl
We have in our class.



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DUCKWALL, ELOISE—"Ducky"

(Ducky's philosophy)
Let us play while we may
And get our lessons
Some other day.

EDWARDS, AUSTIN—"Doc"

An athlete truly,
Have we here.
Our president, whom
We all hold dear.

EARLY, MARY—"Early"

A student in French
And Latin, too;
Any task assigned
She well will do.

EIKENBARY, WAYNE—"Ike"

Ike, with his
Jazzy voice,
As a cheer leader
Is our choice.

ENGLISH, ESTHER—"Est"

Witty, hasty,
Very clever.
Is she ever quiet?
Never!

EVANS, EMMALINE—"Emma"

In public speaking
She's quite content;
Toward serious things,
Her mind is bent.

EVANS, MARGARET—"Peg"

When Mr. Nett walks into
The Study Hall—skidoo—
Margaret knows there's
Special work for her to do.

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FLEMMING, DOVY—"Dovyt"

When anyone looks at me,
They see
That I am just the fellow
I want to be.



FRIESNER, LEONARD—"Len"

A very quiet and
Dignified lad.
"Girls are all rot,"
Is his prophesy sad.



FUGATE, ESTHER—"Es"

She's the president
of Y-III;
Public speaking's
her alibi.



GANT, ROBERT—"Bob"

Bob, in trying
To find some jokes,
Worries and troubles
many folks.



GOODWIN, PAUL—"Parkie"

Parkie's athletic fame
has spread
Nothing further
need to be said.



GIBLER, HARROLD—"Peanut"

He's been in two plays
this year;
They're sure a success
When Peanut's near.



HAWKINS, ALMA—"Hawk"

Alma the commercial
Course is taking,
So soon her money
She'll be making.



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HILEMAN, PAULINE—"Polly"

To be a bookkeeper
Is her aim.
She's fast in athletics
Just the same.

HERTEL, GODFREY—"Dutch"

Can he feed 'em?
Yea, bean!
Is he conceited?
Oh! No!

HOEKEN, WILLIAM—"Bill"

Bill's very handsome,
As you see,
More handsome than
We'll ever be.

IRELAND, FERN—"Funny"

Fern's not the kind of girl
to crab,
But she does like to work
in the Chemistry Lab.

JONES, DAVID A.—"Dave"

David has a fine tenor voice,
And blue eyes that
Are many girls' choice.

KELLER, VIRGINIA—"Ginny"

Ginny is very shy,
you know,
For from the country,
She did blow.

KENNEDY, GRACE—"Ken"

An artistic designer
Of pleasing taste,
When Grace studies,
No time does she waste.

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KENNEDY, EDNA—"Ed"
Oh, how Edna likes to joke!—
And shock all of
The older folk!

KIGER, ELIZABETH—"Bill"
Bill's an all round girl,
you see.
She took four high school
years in three.

KING, CLARA—"Pokes"
Was there ever a joke
She failed to have caught?
Much joy and great pleasure
To her friends she has brought.

KLEIN, JOHN—"Johnie"
John, toward cross-word
puzzles, leans,
But in Chemistry,
Knows his beans.

KLIN, MIRIAM—"Peggy"
Miriam is a very good student.
And in Cicero,
Very prudent.

LANE, ISABEL—"Izzie"
An actress is
This Senior girl.
In Commercial work
Her brain doth whirl.

LARE, ARDETH—"Ardie"
She's our poetess
So fine,
Who gives us many
A clever rime.



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LEVALLEY, HELEN—“Giggles”

When Mr. Nott announces
“A test,”
Helen LeValley
Ceases to rest.

LEY, MARGARET—“Peg”

An artist truly
Have we here,
A winning friend
So full of cheer.

MALLORY, VIRGINIA—“Finny”

Sweet and shy
And has blue eyes,
With her short story
She took the prize.

MATHEWS, DALE—“Math”

From studies he chose
Something rasher,
So he became a
Baggage smasher.

MCCOLLUM, GEORGE—“Mac”

“Georgie, Porgie,
Pumpkin pie.”
I suppose I’ll hear this
‘til I die.

MEDAUGH, BEATRICE—“B”

“Bea” as French maid
in the play
Was very sweet—
So they all say.

MOHLER, HELEN—“Helen”

Helen, this girl,
With the curly hair
Is now a librarian fair.



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MOHLER, RAYMOND—"Ray"

Very devout to
Alta is he.
He's handsome, which is
The reason, you see.



MORGAN, JULIA—"Judy"

She dances;
She sings,
By joking—
Laughter brings.



MOSURE, GAYLORD—"Gayl"

And now they say—
Let's take a ride,
When Gaylord with his
Ford is spied.



MURPHY, JOHN—"Johnnie"

Why, O why
Does anyone worry,
My! I never even
hurry.



MURPHY, ROBERT—"Bob"

Murphy is our
All around star
Whose prowess, now,
Is known afar.



PARKS, FLORENCE—"Flossie"

She goes around quietly,
Making no noise.
Getting her lessons,
She thoroughly enjoys.



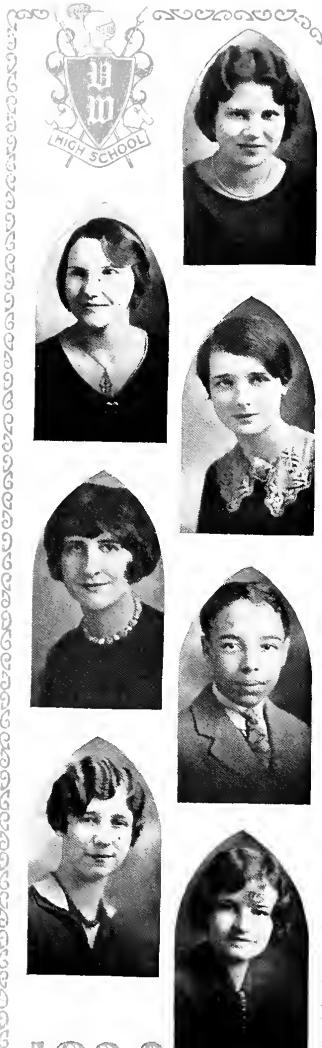
PEARSON, DORIS—"Dorie"

Doris in her charming
way.
Works on the *Veteran*
every day.

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PHILLIPY, ESTHER—“S”

She's the girl with
The winning way;
Her smile sticks with us
Throughout the day.

PRIDDY, ELIZABETH—“Beth”

Pleasant and smiling,
With big brown eyes.
“Beth” is one whom the
Teachers call wise.

RAABE, HELEN—“Helen”

She just came
To us this year.
And with Dick
She did appear.

RAYMOND, RUTH—“Rufus”

Never mad
At anyone—
Always having
Gobs of fun.

ROBINSON, JAMES—“Jimmy”

Jimmy is very wise—
For a fellow
Of his size.

ROBERTS, JULIA—“Jude”

In athletics
She's a star—
May her prowess
Continue far.

ROOP, BEATRICE—“Bea”

Beatrice's hair is
Very golden.
In perfect waves
It always is molden.

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Ross, Thelma—“Rossie”

Just look what
York sent to us!
But in Chemistry lab.
How she likes to muss!



Rupright, Lois—“Lo”

Loyal forever,
Dainty, artistic,
Modest, and clever,
Fun-loving, joking.



Schultz, Robert—“Bob”

All his time in sleep
Is spent.
While over his books
His head is bent.



Schweikle, Floyd—“Floyd”

Floyd's the model
Senior sheik;
All the girls to him
do speak.



Sproul, Evelyn—“Eve”

She's modest and shy.
We all wonder why.
Her marks as a student
Are all very high.



Stahl, Virginia—“Stally”

Does she giggle?
Oh, no!
But the teachers
All think so.



Stemen, Doyle—“Doyle”

A man of business,
Without a doubt.
At any task
He's very devout.



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STETLER, LORAIN—"Lorie"

How she does like
To take dictation.
No wonder,
It will be her occupation!

SPAYD, MARCILE—"Cile"

Not the ordinary
Flapper is she
With her brown hair
And love for study.

THATCHER, NAOMI—"Lefty"

Naomi—the commercial course
Is taking.
So next year her own way
She'll be making.

THOMAS, WILLIAM—"Bill"

Quite a scientist
Is this lad.
When busy,
He's quite glad.

TREFFINGER, GEORGE—"Treff"

George and his saxophone
together
Can be seen in
Almost any weather.

UNCAPHER, PERRY—"Unky"

A very slow talker is he
But a quite fast walker
you see.

WERTZ, KAROLA—"Kody"

Shorthand pads
She hates to buy.
"It means more work."
Is her reason why.



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WHITAKER, ALTA—“Curly”

You always notice
Her smiling face.
She, too, is in
The commercial race.



WILLIAMS, MARY—“Willy”

Always arguing
With Mr. Nott.
Happy-go-lucky,
Right on the dot.



WISE, HELEN—“Hisy”

Typing, typing
All day now.
As a stenographer
She'll make a “wow!”



WOODARD, ELENORA—“Vorie”

She loves the “Forest”
But not wood.
As a pianist
She is very good.



WORTHINGTON, NORMAN—“Norm”

Not teasing the girls
As most boys do.
This lad acts
Like he ought to do.



WYANDT, GERALD—“Gerald”

Gerald was forward
On that team
About which we like to
dream.



WYANDT, HAROLD—“Harold”

Harold is one
twin brother,
But who can tell
One from the other?

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Deeds of Valor

AINSWORTH, VIOLA

Junior Girls' Business Club '27
Excalibur Club '28
EXCALIBUR Staff
—Organization Editor

ALSPACH, GAYLORD

Science Club '26 '28
Junior Hi-Y

ALSPAUGH, NEVA

Music Club '26 '28
Textile Club '27

BAXTER, D'NELDA

Photography Club '26
Travel Club '27 '28
—Secretary '28

BONNEWITZ, MARY ELLEN

Basket Ball '25 '26 '27
EXCALIBUR—Editor-in-chief
Excalibur Club '27 '28
Kampus Klamor Staff
Y-Hi
—Secretary '26
—Vice-President '28
"Feast of the Red Corn"
"Way Down South in Dixie"
"Mound Builders—Hiawatha"
Decorating Committee, Prom '27
Girls' Glee Club
"Once There Was a Princess"

BOWER, MARGUERITE

Story Telling Club '28
"Feast of the Red Corn"
"Polished Pebbles"
Chorus
"Once There Was a Princess"

BOWER, ROWENA

Music Club '28
"Polished Pebbles"
"Feast of the Red Corn"
Prom Committee
Chorus
Y-Hi

BRANDON, LUCY

Junior Girls' Business Club '27 '28
"Polished Pebbles"
"Feast of the Red Corn"
Chorus

CORATHERS, DOROTHY

Journalism Club '28
"Once There Was a Princess"

COUNSELLER, LOIS

Athletic Club '25 '26
Junior Girls' Business Club '27 '28
Basket Ball '25

CROMWELL, HELEN

Junior Girls' Business Club '27 '28

COURTNEY, EVALEEN

Excalibur Club '28
Music and Dramatic Editor—EXCALIBUR
The News Van—Editor-in-chief
Scarlet and Grey Staff
Kampus Klamor Staff
"The Mound Builders—Hiawatha"
"Polished Pebbles"
"The Feast of the Red Corn"
"Rich Man, Poor Man"
"Way Down South in Dixie"
Prom Committee
Girls' Glee Club
Y-Hi

DICKINSON, TREVLYN

Athletic Club '28

DORMAN, LOUISE

Junior Girls' Business Club '28
"Polished Pebbles"
"The Feast of the Red Corn"
Chorus
Y-Hi

DUCKWALL, ELOISE

Journalism Club '28
The News Van Staff
—Athletic Editor
Y-Hi

EARLY, MARY

Excalibur Club '28
—President
Class Treasurer '25
Y-Hi Treasurer '27
Girls' Glee Club
"The Feast of the Red Corn"
"Polished Pebbles"
"Way Down South in Dixie"
EXCALIBUR Staff—Personals

EDWARDS, AUSTIN

President of Class '26 '27 '28
Vice-President '25
Hi-Y President
Football '26 '27 '28
Baseball '27 '28
Athletic Club '25 '26 '27 '28
"Applesauce"
Kampus Klamor Staff
Basket Ball '26 '27 '28
"Once There Was a Princess"

EIKENBARY, WAYNE

Class President '25
Vice-President '27 '28
Dramatic Club '28
"Am I Intruding?"
"Applesauce"
"Way Down South in Dixie"
Program Committee, Prom '27
Cheer Leader
Boys' Glee Club

EVANS, EMMALINE

Dramatic Club '25 '26 '27

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ENGLISH, ESTHER

Excalibur Club '28
 Ring and Pin Committee
 Decorating Committee, Prom
 Cheer Leader '28
 EXCALIBUR Staff—Assistant Editor
 Basket Ball '28
 Chorus
 Y-Hi

EVANS, MARGARET

Junior Girls' Business Club '28
 Chorus
 Y-Hi

FLEMMING, DOYT

Science Club '24 '25 '26
 Boys' Glee Club
 "Way Down South in Dixie"
 "Mound Builders—Illiawatha"
 Hi-Y
 Baseball '28

FRIESNER, LEONARD

Travel Club '28
 —President
 "Applesauce"
 Hi-Y Treasurer '28

FUGATE, ESTHER

Story Telling Club '28
 Y-Hi President '28
The News Van Staff
 —Humor Editor
 Class Vice-President '26
 Class Secretary and Treasurer '27 '28
 Ring and Pin Committee '28
 Prom Committee '27
 "Polished Pebbles"
 "The Feast of the Red Corn"
 "Rich Man, Poor Man"
 "Once There Was a Princess"

GANT, ROBERT

Excalibur Club '28
 Joke Editor, EXCALIBUR Staff

GOODWIN, PAUL

Athletic Club '26 '27 '28
 Football '27 '28
 —Captain '28
 Basket Ball '25 '27 '28
 Baseball '26 '28

GRIBLER, HAROLD

Athletic Club '28
 "The Florist Shop"
 Student Manager
 "Once There Was a Princess"

HAWKINS, ALMA

Home Decorating Club '27
 Junior Girls' Business Club '28

HILEMAN, PAULINE

Junior Girls' Business Club '27
 "Polished Pebbles"
 "The Feast of the Red Corn"
 Basket Ball '26 '27 '28
 Chorus
 Y-Hi

HERIFL, GODFREY

Journalism Club '28
 Football '27 '28
 "Polished Pebbles"
 "Applesauce"
 "Rich Man, Poor Man"
 "Way Down South in Dixie"
 Prom Committee '27
Kampus Klamor Staff
 Boys' Glee Club
 Hi-Y

HOEKEN, WILLIAM

Athletic Club '26 '28
 Football '28
 Student Manager
 Invitations Committee
 Decorating Committee, Prom
 Hi-Y

IRFLAND, FERN

Travel and Geography Club '27
 "Polished Pebbles"
 "The Feast of the Red Corn"
 Journalism Club '28
 Chorus
 Y-Hi

JONES, DAVID A.

Excalibur Club '28
 "Three Hills in a Bottle"
 EXCALIBUR Staff
 —Business Manager
 Chorus

KELLER, VIRGINIA

Travel Club '27
 Y-Hi

KENNEDY, GRACE

Textile Club '27 '28
 "Feast of the Red Corn"
 "Once There Was a Princess"

KENNEDY, EDNA

Textile Club '27
 Music Club '28
 Prom Committee '27
 Chorus
 Y-Hi

KIGER, ELIZABETH

Excalibur Club '27 '28
Kampus Klamor Staff
 EXCALIBUR Staff
 —Athletic Editor
 Basket Ball '26 '27 '28
 "The Lottery Man"
 "The Feast of the Red Corn"
 Y-Hi

KING, CLARA

Story Telling Club '28
The News Van
 —Advertising Manager
 "Once There Was a Princess"

KLEIN, JOHN

Journalism '28
 Hi-Y
 "Once There Was a Princess"

EXCALIBUR

KLINE, MIRIAM

Travel Club '27 '28
"Feast of the Red Corn"
Chorus

LANE, ISABEL

Junior Girls' Business Club '27
Prom Committee
Class Secretary '25
"Polished Pebbles"
"Am I Intruding?"
"The Lottery Man"
Chorus
Y-Hi
"Once There Was a Princess"

LARE, ARDETH

Story Telling Club '28
"Applesauce"
"Feast of the Red Corn"
"Polished Pebbles"
Chorus
Y-Hi
"Once There Was a Princess"
Poetess—Senior Class

LEVALLEY, HELEN

Ohio City '25 '26
Music Club '27
Junior Girls' Business Club '28
Y-Hi

LEV, MARGARET

Excalibur Club '28
EXCALIBUR Staff
—Art Editor and Cartoonist
"Aaron Boggs, Freshman"
Chorus
Y-Hi

MALLORY, VIRGINIA

Journalism Club '25 '28
Class Secretary '25
Class Treasurer '26
Assistant Editor—*The News Van*
"Polished Pebbles"
Chorus
Y-Hi
"Once There Was a Princess"

MATHEWS, DALE

Science Club '25 '26 '27 '28

MCCOLLUM, GEORGE

EXCALIBUR Staff
—Photographer
Excalibur Club '28

MEDAUGH, BEATRICE

Ohio City '25
Chorus
"Gypsy Rover"
Textile Club '27 '28
"Once There Was a Princess"

MORGAN, JULIA

Music Club '28
Prom Committee '27
Cheer Leader
Girls' Glee Club
Y-Hi

MOHLER, RAYMOND

Senior Science Club '28

MOHLER, HELEN

Kampus Klamor Staff
The News Van Staff
—Alumni Editor
Story Telling Club '28
Chorus
Y-Hi

MOSURE, GAYLORD

Science Club '25 '26 '27 '28

MURPHY, JOHN

Travel Club '27

MURPHY, ROBERT

Baseball '26 '27 '28
Basket Ball '26 '27 '28
Football '27 '28
Junior Hi-Y
Athletic Club '25 '26 '27
Excalibur Club '28
EXCALIBUR Staff
—Athletic Editor
Chorus

PARKS, FLORENCE

Textile Club '27
"Feast of the Red Corn"

PEARSON, DORIS

Junior Girls' Business Club '27 '28
The News Van Staff
—Circulation Manager
Y-Hi

PHILLIPY, ESTHER

Excalibur Club '28
EXCALIBUR Staff
—Calendar
"Polished Pebbles"
"The Feast of the Red Corn"
"The Mound Builders—Hiawatha"
"Way Down South in Dixie"
"The Lottery Man"
"Rich Man, Poor Man"
The News Van Staff
—Associate Editor
Girls' Glee Club
Y-Hi

PRIDDY, ELIZABETH

Travel Club '27 '28
Girls' Glee Club
"Polished Pebbles"
"The Feast of the Red Corn"
"The Mound Builders—Hiawatha"
"Way Down South in Dixie"
Y-Hi

ROBINSON, JAMES

News Writing Club '27 '28
Kampus Klamor Staff
"Polished Pebbles"
"Mound Builders—Hiawatha"
Boys' Glee Club

EXCELSIOR

- RAABE, HELEN**
 Ft. Jennings '25 '26 '27
 Journalism Club '28
The Nexus Van Staff
 —Society Editor
 Y-HI
- RAYMOND, RUTH**
 Music Club '28
- ROBERTS, JULIA**
 Basket Ball '25 '26 '27 '28
 Girls' Athletic Club '25 '26 '28
 —President '28
 "The Feast of the Red Corn"
 "Mound Builders"
 "Way Down South in Dixie"
 "Polished Pebbles"
 Girls' Glee Club
 Y-HI
- ROOP, BEATRICE**
 Music Club '26 '27 '28
- ROSS, THELMA**
 York High School '25 '26 '27
 Basket Ball '26 '27 '28
 Class Secretary and Treasurer '25
 Athletic Club '28
 Chorus
 Y-HI
 "Once There Was a Princess"
- RUPRIGHT, LOIS**
 Excalibur Club '28
 "Polished Pebbles"
 EXCALIBUR Staff
 —Snap Editor
 Chorus
 Y-HI
- SCHULTZ, ROBERT**
 Science Club '25 '28
- SCHWEIKLE, FLOYD**
 Science Club '28
 Orchestra
 Junior HI-Y
 Chorus
- SPAYD, MARCILE**
 Music Club '27 '28
 "Feast of the Red Corn"
- SPROUT, EVELYN**
 Travel Club '26 '27 '28
 Chorus
- STAHL, VIRGINIA**
 Textile Club '28
 Y-HI
- STEMEN, DOYL**
 Journalism Club '28
The Nexus Van Staff
 —Business Manager
 HI-Y
- STIFTLER, LORAINA**
 Travel Club '28
- THATCHER, NAOMI**
 Junior Girls' Business Club '27 '28
The Nexus Van Staff
 —Typist
- THOMAS, WILLIAM**
 Science Club '25 '26 '28
- TREFFINGER, GEORGE**
 Athletic Club '26 '27 '28
 Football '27 '28
 Basket Ball '26 '27 '28
 Prom Committee
 HI-Y
 "Once There Was a Princess"
- UNCAPHER, PERRY**
 Science Club '25 '26 '27 '28
- WERTZ, KAROLA**
 Junior Girls' Business Club '28
 "Feast of the Red Corn"
 Chorus
 Y-HI
- WHITEAKER, ALTA**
 Travel Club '27 '28
- WILLIAMS, MARV**
 Junior Girls' Business Club '27 '28
 "Polished Pebbles"
 "The Feast of the Red Corn"
 Chorus
The Nexus Van Staff
 —Typist
 Y-HI
- WISF, HELEN**
 Junior Girls' Business Club '27
 Excalibur Club '28
 EXCALIBUR Staff
 —Typist
 "Applesauce"
- WOODARD, ELNORA**
 Music Club '25 '26 '27
 Story Telling Club '28
 Chorus
 Orchestra
- WORTHINGTON, NORMAN**
 Science Club '27 '28
- WYANDT, GERALD**
 Poster Club '26 '27 '28
 Basket Ball '28
 Baseball '28
- WYANDT, HAROLD**
 Poster Club '26 '27 '28

Chronicles of the Class of '28

WHAT? Is it possible that four years have passed? It seems that only yesterday we began our high school career, but how soon we have reached our goal—graduation! Now that Commencement has come to us, we realize what the true meaning of that beautiful word is. Indeed, it is the commencement of a great journey on a new road of life. Dear old Van Wert High School, whose portals we have left, advised and encouraged us with these significant words:

When you have to leave the Old Road
And start out upon the New,
May your Journey be propitious
And your Cares and Troubles few.

Any Detours on the New-way
Will be marked with great finesse;
Watch the Signs that warn and number
You will follow Route Success.

Roads that are built for Travel
Safely span the Anxious Stream;
In our trip on Life's great Highway,
Service is the Task Supreme.

But stay! Let us pause a moment in our haste and look back over our high school days.

In September, 1924, with the greatest anticipation, but wobbly knees, we entered Van Wert High School. As we started upon our four-year journey, we found that many highways vividly stood out before us. We could not travel them all, thus we had to choose the one which would give us the knowledge that would pave the way for our future honor, success, and happiness. We will ever remember the kind attention and good advice given us at this critical time by Superintendent Sullivan and his entire staff.

Our year's activities as Freshmen were directed by Wayne Eikenbary, Austin Edwards, Mary Early, and Isabel Lane. An interchange of class parties was held to the delight of all. The class record in athletics was good, being represented on the girls' varsity team and also winning in the girls' inter-class series. Before we realized it, June came; it brought with it vacation. Hip, Hip, Horray!

Like all vacations it went rapidly and we soon found ourselves at high school again, but this time we were enrolled as Sophomores. We chose the following officers: President, Austin Edwards; vice-president, Esther Fugate; secretary, Ralph Snyder; treasurer, Virginia Mallory.

This was after an uneventful year, but we will always remember two great occurrences. The Junior and Sophomore party was a great success. Greater yet than this was the high school play, "Am I Intruding?", in which Isabel Lane, Ralph Snyder, and Wayne Eikenbary represented our class. Again came vacation, and we departed with the happy realization that we were Juniors.

After three months of splendid recreation we gladly returned to high school in September, 1926, as Juniors. Our deliberations were presided over by Austin Edwards, Wayne Eikenbary, and Esther Fugate.

During the year we were striving toward two great goals: first, we all desired to be Seniors at the end of the term.; second, we wanted our Junior Prom to be the best yet. By the splendid leadership of Mr. Menschel and his faculty we reached both goals.

SEX C A L I B R

Junior Prom 1927



The DINNER



The DANCE

Our class play, "Applesauce," was a great success. We were also well represented in the high school play, "The Lottery Man." In May, as we departed from High School, each one of us realized with a pang of regret that only one year remained for us in Van Wert High School. We determined to make it one to be long remembered.

During the summer vacation we heard of the resignation of our much beloved Principal, Mr. Menschel; but at our return to school we found his successor, Mr. Moyer, also a capable leader and true friend.

In September, 1927, we very gladly returned to high school as dignified Seniors. We chose the following capable officers: President, Austin Edwards; vice-president, Wayne Eikenbary; secretary-treasurer, Esther Fugate.

The honor roll students of the class were: Evaleen Courtney, Helen Cromwell, Mary Early, Esther English, Margaret Evans, Clara King, Miriam Kline, Ardeth Lare, Esther Philliply, Elizabeth Priddy, Lois Rupright, Evelyn Sproul, Lorraine Stetler, Mary Williams, Helen Wise, Elenora Woodard, Doyl Stemen, Douf Flemming, Virginia Mallory, and Doris Pearson. Our class is long to be remembered for its athletes, actors, musicians, and honor roll students. It has made a fine record in all these lines.

We graduates will always cherish the memory of the wonderful events of the last week of our high school career, especially the Baccalaureate Service and Commencement.

Now, fellow classmen, we see that we have chosen wisely, and let us remember that though we may have to detour in many different directions from this one road, we will always be bound together by that mutual love for dear old Van Wert High School.

ELIZABETH PRIDDY, '28.

The Answer

THE page, the second class at our court,
 Inquired of King Edwards, our chief:
 "Now that you are almost through,
 What have you done, in brief?"

Our king, a very modest youth,
 Said he would name a few.
 "When we were stable boys, at first we were slow,
 We felt as all beginners.

"We conquered our fear, went out for athletics.
 Three of our girls made the team,
 Our ladies were victors in class basket ball,
 The blue and the gold, how they gleam!"

"Our year as a page was spent mostly in work,
 Included, of course, was some play.
 We rightfully scorned the stable boys then—
 Most surely we're better than they.

"A few of us fell by the thorns of the wayside,
 While others ascended the heights.
 Geometry and Cæsar held no terrors for a few,
 But some fell down in the fights.

"Promotion day came, how proudly we stood,
 And then we were classed as a squire.
 In 'The Lottery Man,' and in 'Applesauce,' too,
 Much fame did our actors acquire.

"Again in athletics our prowess shone forth,—
 Like a star in the night, with its chance,—
 But the biggest and best thing they say that we did
 Was the Prom, a real dinner-dance.

"Another year finished, our last stage is reached,
 Our master has now dubbed us knights.
 They say, as a whole, our class is so bright
 As to vie with the clear northern lights.

"We published a book which contained school events,
 Our actors put on a fine play.
 This class is so large, and activities great,
 That we're merry and carefree and gay.

"We hope, as we leave school and start forth in life,
 We'll be thought of and mentioned at home.
 We'll think of your help in the days yet to come,
 It matters not how far we roam."

—ARDETH LARE, '28.

Juniors

*"—For manners are not idle but the fruit
Of loyal nature and of noble mind."*

EXCALIBUR



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- Alban, Thomas
 Armentrout, Robert
 Arnold, Evelyn
 Bates, Glenn
 Baxter, Doris
- Bell, Mildred
 Bernard, Maurice
 Black, Gene
 Black Evelyn
 Brake, Charles
- Helen Buck
 Edgar Busch
 Vacilla Clifton
 Kenneth Comer
 Tennyson Corathers
- Cordier, Mabel
 Coverstone, Mary E.
 Dimke, Mildred
 Dias, Beulah
 Ditto, Velva
- Donahue, Lester
 Donart, Leslie
 Feigert, Paul
 Fugate, Ruth
 Gauvey, Richard
- Gecowets, Gerrold
 Geisman, Don
 George, Bessie
 Good, Richard
 Good, Earl
- Greibach, Margaret
 Gribbler, Sarah
 Hartman, Miriam
 Hawk, Norville
 Hawkins, Alma
- Herring, Lucile
 Hurst, Marjorie
 Ingledue, Paul
 Jackson, Mildred
 Jerome, Robert
- Jones, Dorothy
 Jones, Frank
 Jones, Marie
 Jones, Pauline
 Kennedy, Edna
- Kouts, Naomi

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EXCALIBUR

Kouts, Virgil
 Lehman, Ralph
 Linser, Edward
 Longwell, Richard K.
 Marbaugh, Vera

McCoy, Luther
 Miller, Margaret
 Miller, Marian
 Mohler, Margaret
 Moore, Louise

Morton, David
 Myers, Cleyla
 Nichols, Rex
 Norris, Vernal
 Nussbaum, Willard

Oechslle, Marguerite
 Palmer, Marjorie
 Pennell, Virginia
 Phelps, Sara Elizabeth
 Potts, Mary

Richey, Charles
 Roop, Edith
 Rucklos, Harry
 Scharff, Henrietta
 Schuster, Mildred

Showalter, Carl
 Siegel, Margaret
 Simm, Harriet
 Smith, Dorothy
 Starkey, Vaughn

Stetler, Bernard
 Stickney, Margaret
 Stewart, Echo
 Thomas, Lloyd
 Thurman, Marguerite June

Uncapher, Charles
 Uncapher, Dorothy
 Varnfield, Cyril
 Walters, Pauline
 Weisman, Pauline

Wells, Isabel
 White, Pauline
 Whitney, Robert
 Williams, Betty
 Wright, Carl

Woodruff, Margaret



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History of the Class of '29

REMEMBER back in 1925 when we were Frosh? Here's a wager you haven't forgotten! We looked, acted and felt, so why not admit we typified the tradition of this infantile class of the High School. Organized under the leadership of Dick Good as president, Dick Longwell as his right hand man, Mildred Bell as secretary, and Harry Rucklos as treasurer, we finished our first year well satisfied with our several distinctions; namely, being represented in the Orchestra, Athletics, and other activities of the school and acquiring the Girls' Interclass Championship.

After the welcomed and customary three months paradise, we again appeared to begin the second year of our High School career. Through saddening experiences we now knew where and what room 20 was, whether room 16 happened to be on the first floor or on the fourth; consequently being exempt from criticism, heartily taking part in torturing the already miserable freshmen.

It has been said that sophomores are not quite so interesting because the freshmen inexperience belongs to the past and the experience of the juniors has not yet arrived, but on the whole it was quite a successful year. Members of the class participated in athletic, dramatic, literary and musical events of the year, yet the real purpose of being sophos was not overshadowed, for many succeeded in appearing on the Honor Roll. Death claimed one most worthy member, Crystal Parker; each classmate offers a silent tribute to her memory. According to need, more than custom, Ted Linser, Charles Richey and Dick Longwell were chosen as our leaders. Time passed, ever so swiftly, and soon we were no longer sophos but had justly acquired the dignified name of The Juniors. Realizing our abilities would truly be tested, we hoped to make our third year the best possible and elected as leaders toward this end Dick Good president, Ted Linser vice-president, Marguarite Thurman secretary-treasurer. Many interesting social events took place, including the Junior Prom. 'Nuff sed!

As usual and not unusual, the juniors gave hearty cooperation to all the events sponsored by the school during the year. The exams and other unnecessary troubles passed and finally it dawned on us that we were now Seniors. But as we are incapable of looking into the future, no more can be said concerning our "class of '29," unless it would be that we hope to be typical Seniors—making our last year ver' ver' successful.

—MARGUERITE THURMAN, '29.



Sophomores

*“—True humility, the highest virtue,
the mother of them all.”*

EXCALIBUR



- Allison, Gladys
 Baer, Lilas
 Baker, Bernidine
 Bell, LaDoyt
 Black, Bessie
- Blake, Julia
 Bowden, Elizabeth
 Bowers, Gertrude
 Brewer, Forest
 Brown, Isabel
- King, Carlton
- Chambers, Mildred
 Chilcot, Iva
 Clark, Margaret
- Clifton, Geraldine
 Conn, Janette
 Conley, Flora
 Cooper, Walter
- Dennison, Annabelle
 DeMoss, Darrel
 Dewort, Mildred
 DeWitt, Tom
 Dilts, Gertrude
- Donar, George
 Douglas, Marcella
 Draving, Norma
 Eusley, Ruby
 English, James
- Evans, Celia
 Evans, Roberta
 Fechter, Jack
 Feigert, Helen
 Ferguson, Jack
- Fleming, Paul
 Fox, Gaylord
 Gamble, Lee
 Geary, Floyd
 Gilliland, Eugene
- Gleason, Elizabeth
 Gouty, Harold
 Graham, Helen
 Grill, Herman
 Gribler, Arthur
- Gunsett, Agnes
 Haines, Harold
 Hartzell, Weikert
 Hartzog, Floyd
 Hartzog, Marguerite
- Heiman, Daniel
 Heist, Georgia
 Hipsley, Donald
 Hoffman, Reynold
 Holbrook, Barbara
- Huffine, Edgar
 Humphreys, Martha
 Jerome, Gwendolen
 Johnson, Irene
 Kear, Evalyn
- Kesler, Lawrence
 Kiggins, Gene
 King, Ruth
 Kenney, Marie

EXCALIBUR

Knodel, Herbert
 Kohn, Irene
 Kreider, Mildred
 Kreisher, Frederick
 Krough, Amanda
 Levinis, Marjorie
 Mankin, Florence
 Mihm, Floyd
 Miller, Ruth
 Montague, Marcile
 Morrison, Mary Ellen
 Mowery, Mildred
 McDonald, Ruth
 McGinnis, Bob
 Norris, Evadna
 Ogg, Ralph
 Oliver, Elsie
 Pierce, LaVon
 Raudabaugh, Jessie
 Raymond, Martha
 Reynolds, Paul
 Raudabaugh, Earl
 Riley, Mary
 Riley, Evalyn
 Roggenkemper, David
 Saam, Maurice
 Schuster, Ruth
 Shingledecker, Gerald
 Shingledecker, Carl
 Shock, Max
 Shimp, Junior
 Smith, Anita
 Smith, Eulah
 Smith, Kenneth
 Smith, Lloyd
 Spayd, Mary
 Sproul, Leora
 Stetler, Elizabeth
 Stewart, Marjorie
 Stitworth, Freeman
 Stroller, Curtis
 Tate, Anola
 Thomas, Delores
 Thomas, Harold
 Thomas, Thomas R.
 Tindall, Edith
 Thomlinson, Carl
 Trippy, Robert
 Wabel, Katherine
 Weaver, Jennings
 Week, Lester
 Wehage, Freda
 Wilkinson, Raymond
 Williman, Charles
 Wise, Irene
 Wiseman, Foster
 Withrow, Carey
 Worthington, Marjorie



Story of the Slender Green Shoots

CHAPTER II

(Continued)

HELLO! Everyone! Here we are again! Don't you remember us—the slender green shoots (not so green now) that suddenly sprung up among you, last year?

We are all fine, WE '30s! Though some have fallen by the roadside and others caught by thorns, yet the rest of us are alive and full of fun, even though we have had a new reign (rain) of administration.

Following the same leader, Dan Helman, and his new assistants—Weikert Hartzell and Celia Evans—we began to continue our fine work this year (paying off K. K. debt, selling magazines and play tickets, also Lecture Tickets), for our personal colors—Old Rose and Silver and The Scarlet and Gray. To blossom forth into something worthy of the school is our ambition! Of course, we can't all be orchids, but even the dandelion has its mission.

But really, after some months of school and a couple of parties we feel, oh! so old besides those little green shoots—the Freshmen—a replica of those grown before (not only us).

As before we have entered into all activities we could, and are struggling manfully onward. But as you know, the Sophomore year is uneventful—a sort of in-between, and our years are yet to come. So nearly all we can say is, that a surprise is in store for you the next few years, from US.

And we wish you all success in the future, whoever and wherever you may be.

We hope that when we leave Van Wert Hi, all will say that we have bequeathed something worthwhile!!

VAN WERT HIGH SCHOOL ! ! ! !

Yours forever—

Class of '30!

—CElia EVANS, '30.



Freshmen

"—Sweet were the days when I was all unknown."

EXCALIBUR



Adams, Helen
Alberts, Thomas
Allen, John
Allen, Richard
Ault, Lillian

Bailey, Margaret
Barbour, Mary Ellen
Barnes, Rosalie
Baxter, Evelyn
Bechtold, Cyril

Beeler, Gladys
Blake, John
Bowers, Cleo
Carter, Opal
Busch, Oral

Caywood, William
Coil, Bernice
Clark, Martha
Conley, Wilfred
Coombs, Kenneth

Corathers, Cecile
Costin, Ruth
Custer, Forest
Daniels, Charles
Dearweather, Velma

Dickey, Laura
Dix, Dennis
Donart, Wilfred
Doner, Lanore
Dorman, Lucile

Eck, Ralph
Elder, Graydon
Emrich, Florence
Fisher, Mary
Faunt, Mary

Fowler, Elinor
Gamble, Bernell
Gicowets, Richard
Geppert, Robert
German, Edith

Goff, Richard
Grubbs, Florence
Gribbler, Dale
Gribbler, Walter
Hall, Isabelle

Hammond, Eugene
Harvey, Harold
Hermingsen, Carl
Hipsley, Lucile
Hoimann, Irma

Jerome, Miriam
Johnson,
Jones, John
Jones, Cleo
DeCamp, Helen

Kesler, Charles
Keyser, Charles
Kirchner, Irma
Klein, Eugene
Kouts, Harold

Krugh, Inez
Kuhn, Robert
Lane, Louise
Leiser, Pauline
LeViness, Marion

Lehmon, Henry
Linser, Karl
Lovelace, Doris
McCollum, Ray

(no picture)
Pettit, Virginia
Jewel, Geraldine

EXCALIBUR

Mallory, Dorothy
 May, Bertha
 May, Edward
 Masters, Maxine
 Matthys, Mildred

Mat'ews, Ruth
 Mercer, Joy
 Miller, Marie
 Miller, Carl
 Miller, Donald

Moore, Ruth
 Mottnger, Marcile
 Mowrey, Myron
 Myers, Mary K.
 Newberry, Wilbur

Nihiser, Bernice
 Owen, Ernest
 Painter, Keith
 Perry, Louise
 Pennell, Louise

Pilum, Delores
 Priddy, Truman
 Resor, Mary E.
 Resor, Paul
 Richards, Mildred

Richey, Elizabeth
 Ringer, Harold
 Robey, Robert
 Rowen, Ruth
 Rucklos, Robert

Russel, Virginian
 Saam, Wilson
 Sabie, Beatrice
 Shively, Harriet
 Sampsell, William

Schmidt, Gene
 Sinn, Margaret
 Smith, Cecile
 Smith, Earl
 Steinmetz, John

Stemen, Leota
 Stemen, Merl
 Stetler, Bernice
 Stewart, John
 Stickney, Albert

Stokes, Mildred
 Stuk, Treva
 Strack, Louise
 Sudlow, Carl
 Terry, Cretta

Tindall, Ethel
 Thatcher, Leah
 Thatcher, Robert
 Uncapher, Ellen
 Vivian, Brooks

Walcutt, Ethel
 Wallace, Stella
 Walter, Mary E.
 Wiseman, Harry
 Wells, Gaylord

Welker, Gerolden
 Williamson, Margaret
 Wilson, Omaha
 Winhoefer, Celestine
 Woodruff, Vernon

Worthington, Virgil
 Wright, Isabelle
 Yoh, Ruth
 Zimsmaster, Karrol

(no picture)
 Sites, Dorothy
 Socher, Frank
 Williams, Marjorie
 Prishey, Delbert



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"The Freshman's Declaration of Independence"

WHEN in the course of human events it became necessary for us freshmen to enter Van Wert High School and to assume, among the powers of the school, the separate and equal station to which the laws of it and its teachers entitled us.

We hold these truths to be self evident, that all classes are created equal, that they are endowed by their faculty with certain inalienable rights, that among these are study and detention. That to secure these rights, bulletin boards are instituted in the school building, deriving their just powers from the office of our High School. Prudence indeed will dictate that the laws, long established, should not be changed for light and transient causes but when a long train of abuses and usurpations pursuing invariable the same class of Freshman above mentioned it evinces this sign to reduce them.

Such has been the patient suffering of this Freshman class. First, we were refused the right of electing our officials at the first of the year, but accomplished this feat at the beginning of the second semester. Our officers are as follows: President, Eugene Schmidt; vice-president, Kenneth Coombs; secretary, Mary K. Myers; treasurer, John Jones.

Second we are not recognized as somebody even though we have among us the following honored ones: Carl Miller, Karrol Zinsmaster, Burnell Gamble, and Bill Caywood, who each during the summer of 1927 received a small gold baseball as a watch charm, for his ability of playing the game of baseball; Eugene Schmidt and Eugene Hammond, who received letters for playing football, and Albert Stickney, Richard Gecowets and Thomas Thomas, numerals. Carl Miller, Donald Miller, Bill Caywood, Richard Gecowets and Harold Kouts made up our Freshman basket ball team, which scored triumph for the past year.

The names of the pupils on the semester Honor Roll are: Maryellen Barbour, Ruth Costin, Mildred Mattys, Delores Pfum, Louise Pennell, Margaret Sinn, Richard Allen, Kenneth Coombs, Gaylord Wells, Karrol Zinsmaster, Mary K. Myers and Eugene Schmidt. We also have many literary students, including Lucille Dorman, who has written several stories which have been published. John Jones is our famous salesman; he helped much in our newspaper campaign. We also have one Freshman who is a member of *The News Van* staff, namely, Mildred Mattys.

Therefore, we claim equality to classes of V. W. H. S. and we mutually pledge to that school our lives, our fortune and our sacred honor.

—RUTH COSTIN, '31.



Junior High

*“—Brave hearts and clean! and yet—God
Guide them,—young!”*

EXCALIBUR



Agler, Adeline
Agler, Helen
Agler, Irene
Balyeat, Dorothy Jane
Blake, Anna Besse

Bonnewitz, Janet
Brown, Alice
Cassidy, Robert
Chambers, Alice
Clifton, Don

Cole, Don
Cole, Doris
Comer, Guy
Cook, Lowell
Cook, Marjorie Grayce

Cordier, Olan
Costin, Joan
Dannison, Helen
Dewitt, Gwendolyn
Drake, Forest

Dudley, Erwin
Eaken, Erwin
Eadin, Helen
Eister, Allen
English, James

English, Mary
Exline, Charles
Fackler, Berneda
Fackler, Ho
Fry, Robert

Grove, Arthur

Armenian Institute
Gunsell, Florence
Morris, Geraldine
Newberry, Hoyt

Guay, Lelia
Henkle, Joseph
Holbrook, Mary Ellen
Jones, Marvin
Kennedy, Bernice

Knott, Rufus
Lahman, Pauline
Lehman, Robert
Lemines, Mildred
Lockard, Fred

Mace, Leonard
May, Richard
Mohler, Vada
Morgan, Mildred
Myers, Clair

Owen, Paul
Phelps, Janet
Pierce, Jason
Pierson Helen Louise
Radiker, Harlan

Reno, Bessie
Reno, Charles L.
Shock, Francis
Showalter, Herbert
Stephenson, Ernest

Stoller, Mildred
Stripe, Eugene
Summersett, Dorothea N.
Swartz, Geraldine
Turner, Arlo

Waldron, Adren
Williams, Florence
Williams, Harry
Wills, Edna
Wise, Etta
Wise, Marie

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Agler, Edyth
 Agler, Elmer
 Bell, Virginia
 Bernard, Homer



Boub, Helen
 Cassedy, Marian
 Collins, Frederick
 Conley, Galen R.

Conwell, Alice
 Dewitt, Franklin
 Dimke, Luella
 Draving, Elmer

Darly, Margaret
 Emerick, Mary
 Fowler, Herbert
 Fox, Vera

Furman, Catherine
 Geary, Billy
 Gephart, Willodean
 McNew, Marie

Harden, Harry
 Henkle, Darwin
 Hughes, Julia
 King, Mary

Konts, Mary
 Lehman, Jane K.
 May, Matigurite
 Maywhere, Robert

Parks, Marcile
 Rosener, Delbert
 Sampsell, Mary E.
 Schaffer, Kenneth

Shell, Lois May
 Siegel, Alice
 Slusser, Robert
 Sullivan, Joan

Thompson, Ethel
 Rodd, Rose E.
 Turner, Helen M.
 Ward, Edward Eugene

Ward, Raymond
 Wherry, Genevieve
 Wilkinson, Louise
 Wiseman, Wanda
 Voutsey, Madeline Dorothy

Preamble of Junior Hi

WE, the people of the Junior Hi, in order to form a more perfect union, established ourselves with the High School a year ago last March; to insure the *News Van*, to help in the magazine drive, to provide for the general welfare, and to secure the blessings of assemblies, clubs, and all other activities and undertakings, do ordain and establish this Junior Hi history for the EXCALIBUR of 1928.

With faltering step and heads bent low,

 Into High School we will go;

Next year as "Frosh" as green as grass

 To become the least of the upper class.

All we ask, you uppers, be patient

 With us, who haven't grown so ancient.

We promise to do the best we can;

 What more could you ask ofa ny man?

—MARY ENGLISH,
—JOAN COSTIN, '32.



Junior High Philosophy

I AM a happy scholar
of Van Wert Junior High,
And sweet memories will linger,
As the future years pass by.

Our teachers are helping us
Build characters good and true,
And many a time, later on,
We'll think, dear teachers, of you.

Never forgetting these happy days
We enjoy together in youth,
May we remember schoolmates
Each other in friendship and truth.

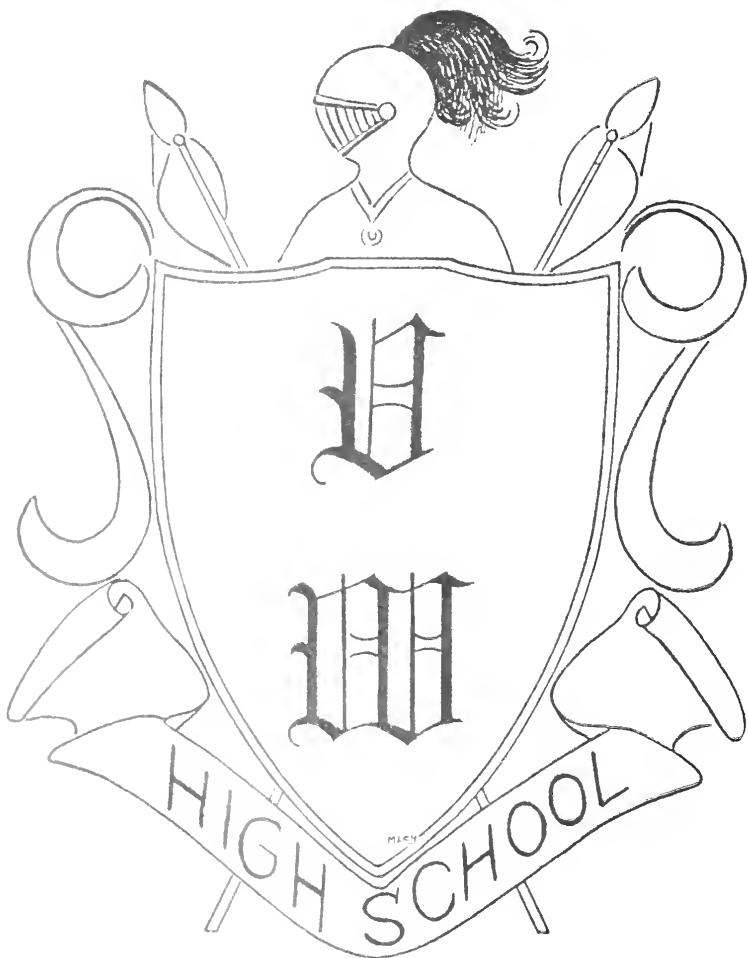
In years, when we have grown,
And, as men and women meet,
We will always think of school,
Van Wert High, West Crawford Street.

—LOIS SHELL, Seventh Grade.



The Quest

*"I follow up the quest
Despite of Day and Night and Death and Hell."*





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Publications

"—*Mere white truth is simple nakedness.*"
"—*He makes no man who makes no foe.*"



The Excalibur Staff

Top—Mary Early, Evaleen Courtney, Robert Gant, George McCollum, Elizabeth Kiger.

Second—Ardeth Lare, Margaret Lev, Mary Ellen Bonnewitz, Esther English.

Third—Mr. Cotner, Robert Murphy, David Adler Jones.

Fourth—Lois Rupright, Helen Wise, Esther Phillipov, Viola Ainsworth, David Morton.

The News Van

THE *News Van*, established last year, is the co-literary, bi-monthly publication with the EXCALIBUR. Although no course in journalism is offered in the high school, many phases of that work are studied by the staff.

The Literary Staff, with seventeen contributors, was under the direction of Mrs. W. C. Cotner, and the Business Staff of five members with Mr. R. Gallapoo as adviser.

On the front page the aim was to have good balance "newsy" stories, and clever features. The sport page was well taken care of by the athletic editors. Editorials, humor, alumni allusions and exchange news were cleverly edited.

Credit is not only due to the Literary Staff but to the business managers as well. They were indeed capable in their managing of the financing and advertising.

To be a true mirror of the school's activities was and is the aim of the *News Van*.

The Excalibur Staff

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 Faculty Adviser—W. C. Cotner

SINCE it is the custom that the Senior Class edit a year book, a staff was chosen at the beginning of the year to take the responsibility of editing this book. This staff, with the assistance of the other members of the Senior Class, worked during the entire year collecting material and putting the book together piece by piece and trying in every way to make THE EXCALIBUR the biggest and the best.

As a result of the combined efforts of the staff, Mr. Cotner and the loyal members of the Senior Class, this EXCALIBUR was edited, which we sincerely hope comes up to the expectations of the reader, for only in this way will we feel we have not worked in vain.

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Music and Dramatics

"—*It is the little rift within the lute
That by and bye will make the music mute,
And ever widening slowly silence all.*"



Upper Left—Austin Edwards, Esther Fugate, George Treffinger, Isabel Lane.

Upper Right—Thelma Ross, William Hoeken, Harold Gribler, David Jones, Isabel Lane.

Center—Isabel Lane, Austin Edwards.

Lower Left—Grace Kennedy, Marguerite Bower, Clara King, Beatrice Medaugh, Isabel Lane.

Virginia Mallory, Dorothy Corathers, Mary Ellen Bonnewitz, John Klein.

Lower Right—Grace Kennedy, Clara King, Marguerite Bower, Mary Ellen Bonnewitz, Austin

Edwards, Ardeth Lare.

Once There Was a Princess

MILLERTOWN is all excited over the arrival of Princess Dellatorre, who was once Ellen Guthrie. Great plans are being made, the whole population getting ready to welcome her. The Boyds especially are happy, for she is to stay at their house.

The princess, however, whose prince had squandered all her money and died, comes back as she had left—in a shabby little dress and a well-worn hat.

So great is their anticipation of a tall, fairy-like princess, that she is mistaken for the sewing lady. To reveal her identity would be to spoil their dreams, so she determines to see the day out—then leave. Before she can do so she is recognized by her old sweetheart, Phil Lennox, a dreamy chap who has an invention in the market, and Uncle Joe Boyd, who persuaded her not to disappoint the town. So she goes to a friend in Chicago who fits her out in lovely clothes. She comes back and for two hours plays the grand princess. After the reception she slips off to meet Phil.

Isabel Lane is a lovely and charming princess. Her lover, Phil Lennox, is splendidly portrayed by Austin Edwards. Clara King is Kate Boyd, the worried wife and mother, and John Klein plays with ease the mild Joe Boyd, who finally asserts his rights. Aunt Meta, played by Ardeth Lare, furnishes the laughs. Ruby Boyd and Milton D'Arcy (Esther Fugate and George Treffinger) furnish a sub plot. Hazel, the youngest Boyd child, is ably played by Mary Ellen Bonnewitz. Marguerite Bower and Grace Kennedy as two neighbors, Mrs. Seaver and Mrs. Purrington, are quite amusing. Dorothy Corathers and Virginia Mallory are Jennie and Ada, two neighbor children, and Beatrice Medaugh is a chic French maid.



Top Left—Riley, Hartzog, Evans, Dannison, Courtney, Phelps.
 Top Right—DeMoss, Fugate, Philliply, Baxter, Hertel, Courtney.
 Bottom Left—Eustler, Morrison, Jones, Bates, Feigert, Ogg, Black.
 Bottom Right—King, Ogg.
 Center—Jones, DeWitt, Gribler, Douglas, Reynolds.

High School Play

RICH MAN, POOR MAN

RICH Man, Poor Man was a clever farce. It was full of hilarity from the time Godfrey Hertel, who played the part of Peter, shed his green shirt for Emma (Evaleen Courtney) until he rushes out in only the folds of a quilt. The foreign ladies, Elizabeth Phelps, Marguarite Hartzog, Annabel Dannison, Evelyn Riley and Celia Evans, added spice and variety together with the typical American characters, namely: Esther Fugate, who is Emma's close friend; Trevlyn Dickinson and Doris Baxter, who are of the elite class and portrayed the part of Tommy and Mrs. Smythe. A visiting nurse was portrayed by Esther Philliply; and Fargo Johnson, by Darrell DeMoss.

THREE PILLS IN A BOTTLE

THREE Pills in a Bottle was a charming fairy story with a moral. Tony Sims and his mother were played by Ralph Ogg and Ruth King. They were very pathetic in their optimistic poverty. The passers-by and their souls, Paul Feigert, Gene Black, Glenn Bates, David A. Jones, Kathryn Eustler and Mary Ellen Morrison, represented their parts very cleverly.

THE FLORIST SHOP

THE Florist Shop was a comedy. The beautiful setting in the shop formed a background for the workers, Marcella Douglas, Paul Reynolds, and Harold Gribler, and the old maid with her lover. The maiden lady was Pauline Jones, while her lover was Tom DeWitt.

Junior Class Play



Left to right—Richard Longwell, Mabel Cordier, Evelyn Arnold, Ted Clifton, Paul Feigert, Harry Rucklos, Margaret Stickney, Marguerite Thurman, Charles Richey, Edward Linser.

THE CAT AND THE CANARY

ANNABELLE WEST, together with five cousins, is called to the spooky old house of their deceased, eccentric uncle to hear the reading of the will. Annabelle is sole heir. That night strange and weird things happen. When the plot is laid bare it is found that Charles, a cousin, has inherited the strain of insanity in the family and has the crazy notion of frightening Annabelle into insanity so that he may inherit the fortune.

Marguerite Thurman as Annabelle was charming. Harry Rucklos, her sweetheart, was all that a bashful lover could be. Charles Richey, Ted Clifton and Margaret Stickney furnished the cold shivers and thrills. Evelyn Arnold, Edward Linser and Dick Longwell portrayed their parts quite well. The laughs were furnished by Mabel Cordier and Paul Feigert.

Lyceum Course

THE FAMILY UPSTAIRS

THE Family Upstairs was a comedy of true American home life. It was a play realistic from beginning to end. Although humor was uppermost there was pathos too.

The story of a poor but ambitious mother trying to marry her daughter to a successful young man formed the plot.

THE HUDSON QUARTETTES

The Hudson Quartettes were so well liked last year that they were asked to return to us again this year. They showed splendid talent in all their fine musical numbers.

HONORABLE FRANK LANDIS

The Honorable Frank Landis is a very fluent speaker. He has a fine knowledge of political affairs. He gave us an inspiring lecture on Things in General.

ELIZABETH TUDOR

Elizabeth Tudor, a graduate of our high school who has gained fame in musical circles, charmed her audience with a musical program. Her beautiful soprano voice and personality won for her a popular reception.

THE PIERCES

Mr. H. R. Pierce and Miss Ruth Berg delightfully portrayed characters. Each impersonation was one of a familiar figure in every day life. Sketches from "Cape Cod Folks" were also presented.

LOWELL PATTON AND ARTISTS

Lowell Patton and his artists were here two years ago. Their program this year was equally as entertaining as that of the previous year. Piano, flute and vocal numbers were cleverly interspersed with readings.

Girls Glee Club



Bottom Row—Tindall, Miller, Bonnewitz, Bowden, White, Graham, Leviness, McDonald, Sharff.

Second Row—Stewart, Norris, Wise, Ley, Spayd, Gamble, Miller, Phels, Woodruff.

Third Row—Kesler, Wiseman, Feigert, Kreider, Hawkins, Roberts, Bell, Morrison, Bowers, Allison, Williams.

Fourth Row—Fugate, Philliply, Black, Courtney, Early, Clark, Holbrook, Thomas, Humphrys, Hartzog, English.

Fifth Row—Draving, Walters, Priddy, Mowery, Conley, Stuck, Clifton, Douglas, Morgan, Gleason, Dias.

Sixth Row—Pierce, Gunsett, Norris, Greilach, Jones, Kear, Wehage, Miller, Smith, Wise, Chambers.

Top Row—Montague, Fugate, Dannison, Mr. Jones, Kouts, Evans.

THE Girls' Glee Club was a fine organization. Under the able supervision of Mr. Jones they proved their talent in several fine musical productions. In addition to several beautiful operettas the girls sang in the District Eisteddfod.

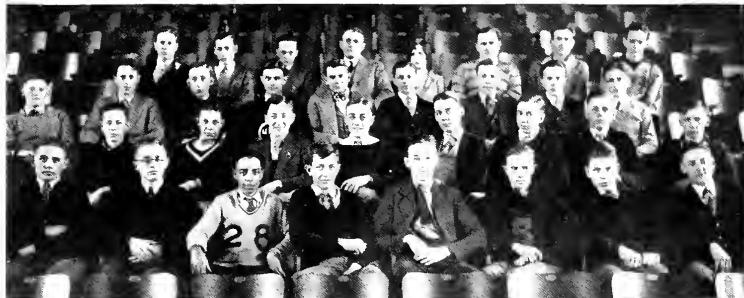
"The Mound Builders" and "Childhood of Hiawatha"

THE operetta, "The Mound Builders," was presented by the Van Wert High School mixed chorus, under the excellent leadership of Mr. Jones. The chorus successfully portrayed the life of the Indian in song, telling the glowing story of the Indian brave in war, hunting and pleasure and the weariness of the squaw.

"The Childhood of Hiawatha," presented the same night by the girls' chorus, charmingly told in three-part singing the story of the little Hiawatha.

At various points in the operettas vocal and piano numbers were given by The Morning Musical of the city. Dances by High School girls more vividly brought out the atmosphere of Indian life.

Boys' Glee Club



Bottom Row—Gamble, Shock, Robinson, Donatt, Gecowits, Gouty, Alban, Jones.
 Second Row—Hermanheiser, Helman, Wiseman, Black, Mowery, Schmidt, Dippery.
 Third Row—Jones, Saam, Good, Longwell, Hertel, Gilliland, Stickney, Fleming, Ferguson.
 Top Row—Bates, Wright, Eikenberry, Mr. Jones, Woodard, Lehman, Donatt, Richey.

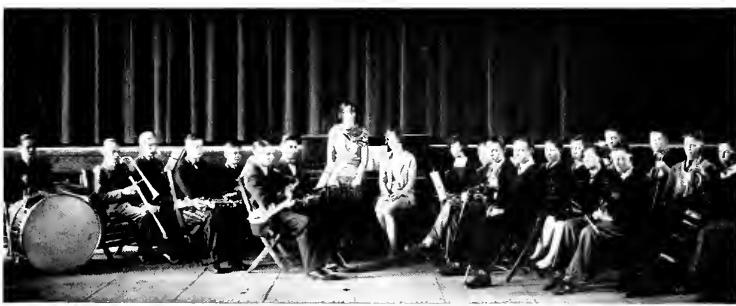
ALTHOUGH the Boys' Glee Club was not so large as in former years it did splendid work.

Several operettas were studied and cleverly produced in joint choruses with the girls. Selections for the District Eisteddfod were also prepared. Voices from the group were selected to sing in various quartettes and other arrangements during the year.

"Way Down South in Dixie"

WAY Down South in Dixie, a musical comedy, was cleverly presented by the mixed chorus. The story of Colonial life was beautifully brought out in the fine singing, picturesque dances and colorful costumes. Under the direction of Professor Jones and Miss Greismer, the production was truly a work of art.

Orchestra



Left-Right—Richey, Showalter, Owens, Shingledecker, Smiht, Treffinger, Sweikle, Miss Zipperlin, Woodard, Jones, Ringer, Black, Ingledue, Stoller, Knoodel, Derwort, Smith, Gouty, Gecowits, Tumbleson, Newberry.

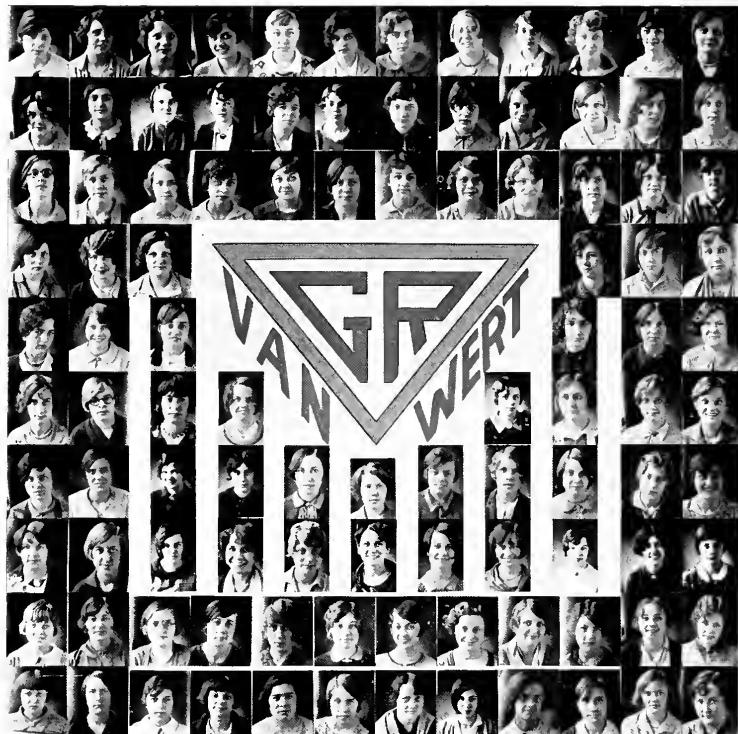
To any student who can play an orchestral instrument the High School Orchestra is a fine place in which to show their talent. Under the efficient supervision of Miss Reva Zipperlin, a member of the high school faculty, the orchestra was a success this year.

Practice and talent were displayed in the numbers played in the auditorium at the various plays and performances.



Organizations

“—For man is man and master of his fate.”



Y-Hi

Y-Hi is the Van Wert High School Girl Reserve Club, an organization of girls to develop and promote the mental, moral and social side of one's life. The membership is not limited, but open to any high school girl who is willing to live up to the Girl Reserve Code. The slogan of the Y-Hi is "To face life squarely" and the purpose "To find and give the best."

The Y-Hi has acted as ushers at various school functions this year, showing their readiness for service and dependability. The advisers chosen were Mrs. J. W. Speicker, Miss Catherine Parkhurst, and Mrs. E. L. Moyer.

President—Esther Fugate
 Vice-President—Mary Ellen Bonnewitz
 Secretary—Marcella Douglas
 Treasurer—Ruth Fugate



Senior Hi-Y Club

ROLL CALL

President

G. Austin Edwards

Vice-President

Richard Good

Secretary

John Klein

Treasurer

Leonard Friesner

Nussbaum,	Mr. Moyer,	Rev. Barbour,	Mr. Zimmerman,	Mr. Crosby,	Hawk
Rucklos,	Freisner,	Brake,	Gant,	Fleming,	Eikenbary
Clifton,	Morton,	Alban,	Richey,	Treffinger,	
Klein,	Klein,	Stemen,	Good,	Hocken,	Hertel,
					Edwards

THE Van Wert Hi-Y Clubs are chapters of the International Hi-Y Movement. The purpose of this movement is to crystallize the ideals of Christian living into an actual, positive force in the lives and experiences of boys throughout the high schools of the world. The slogan of the organization locally and internationally is: "The purpose of the Hi-Y is to create, maintain, and extend throughout the school and community, high standards of Christian character." The platform of the movement: "Clean speech, clean sports, clean scholarship, and clean living."



Kesler, Mr. Greenwald, Mr. Gallapoo, Fleming, Helman, Roggenkemper, Ferguson, Hartzell, Knodel, Fechter, Allen, Williman, Geary, Jones, Miller, Coombs, Schmidt, Rev. Muir, Smith, Ringer, Stickney.

Junior Hi-Y Club

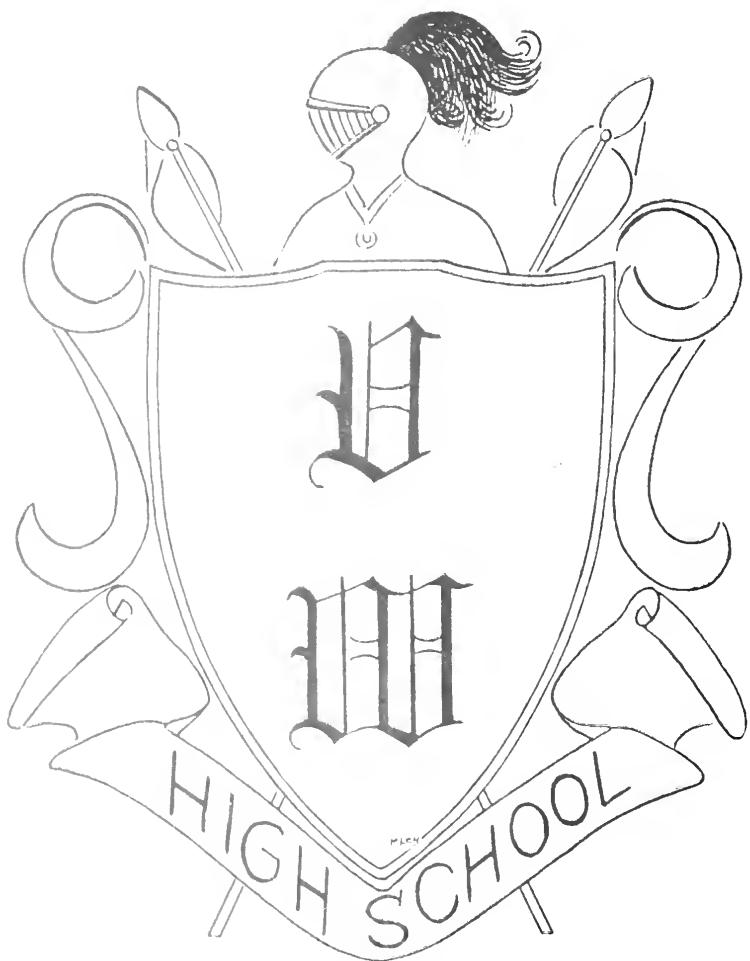
THE Jr. Hi-Y of 1927 and 1928 has been of uncommon interest. Every meeting has been both pleasant and instructive. Our meetings have been so divided as to effect three distinct purposes, as follows: First, entertainment, which included many enjoyable banquets, after which there were discussions on topics of the day and numerous addresses of interest to the boys. Second, business, the purpose of all organizations, conducted principally by the faculty adviser, Mr. Gallipoo, and Chester Greenwald, Y. M. C. A. adviser. Third, religious meetings under the leadership of Rev. Muir where a sincere attempt has ever been made to present to the boys religious and educational subjects designed to develop a clean Christian scholarship—the outstanding purpose of the organization.





The Tournament

*"Strength of heart
And might of limb, but mainly use and skill,
Are winners in this pastime."*



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Outdoor Sports

"—*Maxims of the mud.*"

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Coaches Managers Cheer-Leaders

RALPH McGINNIS

"Tis said, "You couldn't have athletic events without action." Granted—you can't have a team without a coach, and a good one. Mac has instilled in the fellows a fighting, trying spirit—the result has been obvious—a good foot ball, a good baseball and a winning basketball team.

WAYNE EIKENBARY

Someone had to lead our enthusiasm, which often ran wild, so he was offered the position, and right nobly did he do it!

JULIA MORGAN

Judy Morgan proved her loyalty and, together with Esther and Wayne, led us which shone like the sun.

BEN A. SPEITH

Again we say, "Three cheers for Ben, who financed athletics to girls and for men." He raked in the shekels and always had cash on hand to buy equipment for the athletes. So our best goes to you, Ben, who made all these things possible.

BILL HOEKEN

Not to give all the honor (and work) to one individual, Grib was recruited—on pay—and Billie Hoeken enlisted as right hand man. Bill kept all the boys in clean towels, suits, etc., and also prevented any basketball jerseys from becoming carelessly "misplaced" in anyone's locker.

ESTHER ENGLISH

Not only did Es play basketball but also loyally assisted Wayne and added support to our team.

HAROLD GRIBLER

But, of course, we needed a student to check up on Mr. Speith. So "Grib" was chosen for this job during football season and he deserves your hearty congratulations.

KATHERINE KYLE

Katy's consistent, untiring ability as a coach showed itself in the team this year. It was through her determination, pluck and ability combined with the efforts of the girls, that produced such a representative team. We hope to have her back again to instill enthusiasm in next year's team.

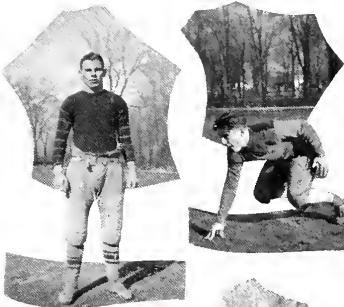
Football Players

GOOHWIN—Tackle—Captain

"Parkie" proved to be a real leader. He maintained the confidence of his team and did much to inspire the boys with determination in crucial moments. He occasionally carried the ball, in addition to playing a very good game at tackle.

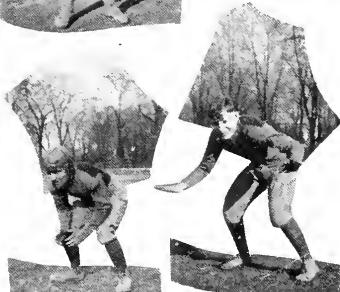
LINSER—Halfback

"Ted," with the start of the season, was off with a bang. Speedy, flashy and spectacular throughout the season, this sturdy little halfback lent his drive to the progress of V.W.H.S.



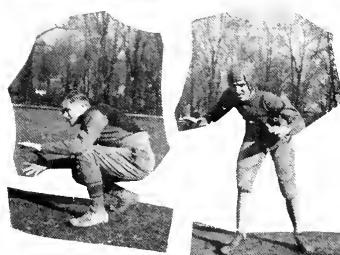
HARTZOG—Halfback

"Hardtack" was a powerful reserve and ready at all times to speed up the game. He was equally strong on defense and offense.



CLIFTON—Tackle

Although "Bud" was one of the smallest line-men of the team, strange to say he did not blush when it came to playing tackle, and he went smashing through the opposing line in true veteran style.



HOEKEN—Quarterback

"Billie" was a skillful pilot whose gentle voice roused the boys to action. He played a clean, hard game and when again was needed he could be relied upon to get it.



BRAKE—End

"Charlie" showed what inborn "football sense" and determination will do. Never having seen a game in his life, he came out and the second week he made left end position on the team, which he held down successfully.



EDWARDS—Halfback

"Doc," playing his last year, had a determination to make it the best until fate played him a dirty trick. No man on the team displayed more of the fighting spirit or gameness than "Doc."



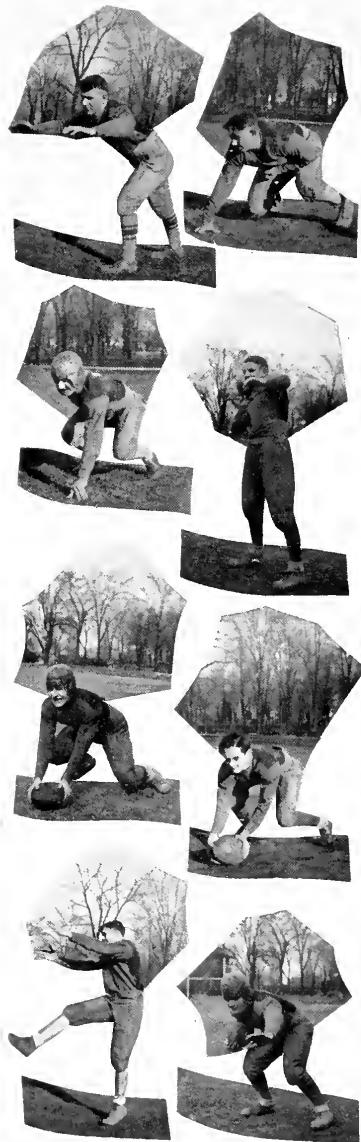
GRILL—Center

Lack of experience at the first of the season was "Herman's" only hindrance. But he made rapid improvement, and in time of need he was on deck.



HAINES, HAROLD

With this year's experience Haines should prove to be a winning factor for next year. He plumped whole-heartedly into the game. And was ready at all times to do his part toward making a gain.



Football Players

WYANDT—*End*

"Gerald" was a decided asset to the team. He pulled them out of the air like an aerial acrobat and had an uncanny faculty for getting away for consistent gains.

HAMMOND—*Guard*

"Peanut" won a reputation for the way in which he moved down whomever got in his way. His weight was a winning factor. He prepared the way for the backs to rumble through the line. On defense he held his ground stubbornly.

GEASMAN—*Guard*

"Hap," playing his second year, showed us what he could do when it came to tackling, for he was like a stone wall to bump up against. "Hap" could also play tackle as well as guard.

TREFFINGER—*Halfback*

"Whitie" was our best utility backfield man. He was able to kick, pass and make first downs. He played his best game against Wapakoneta. He is a senior and his services will be missed next year.

HERTLE—*Center*

"Godfrey" is another senior who expects to graduate with the class of '28. Besides playing center, he was shifted to guard, where he played equally well. It was his second year to earn a letter.

RICHLEY—*Center*

"Charlie" although small in stature, was our fighting center. At all times he was master of the situation. No matter how wild the sidelines got, he passed the ball with a speed and accuracy which went far toward making successful plays.

MURPHY—*Fullback*

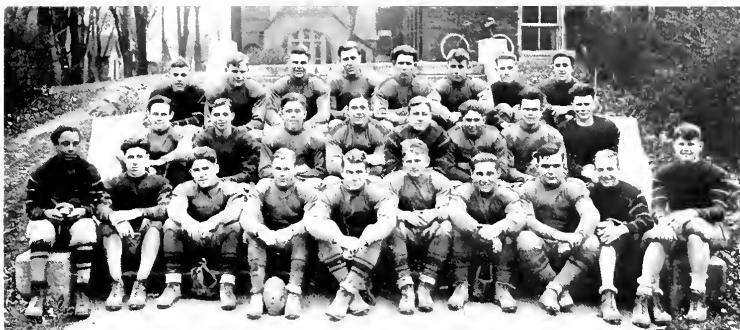
Faced with the double handicap of a new position and three new men as running mates in the backfield, Murphy managed to pull the team out of many a tight place. A good kicker, excellent passer and a fine open field runner, he was the ideal high-school triple-threat man. His fighting spirit and calm judgment steadied the green team and won for him the respect of all our opponents.

STETLER—*Fullback*

"Benz", a reserve, was a hard-hitting, plugging fullback. Besides playing fullback he was often put at halfback and showed his stuff equally well. He could find a hole in the line when most anyone else would fail.

SCHMIDT—*Guard*

Playing his first year on the team. Although he showed nothing spectacular he fought through for the glory of the team. He played steadily and constant. We expect to hear more of him in the next three years.



Top Row—T. Clifton, V. Clifton, Goodwin (captain), Brake, Grill, Wyandt, Gecowets, Fox.
Middle Row—Richey, Gilliland, Schmidt, Murphy, Alberts, Hammond, Haines, Thomas.
Bottom Row—Robinson, McCoy, Linser, Hoeken, Hertel, Treflinger, Hartzog, Stetler, Rucklos,
Gauvey.

Review of Football Season

VAN WERT VS. ST. MARY'S

Van Wert won the first game of the season by defeating St. Mary's 12-4. The game was played in a steady downpour of rain.

VAN WERT VS. WAPAKONETA

Van Wert took Wapakoneta 19-8. The scarlet and gray were trailing at the end of the first quarter, but with fine playing from Edwards and Linser we had an easy victory.

VAN WERT VS. GREENVILLE

In the next game Van Wert lost to Greenville 18-7. Luck seemed to be against us for we outplayed our opponents for three quarters of the game.

VAN WERT VS. CONVOY

Over-confidence showed in the Convoy game and Van Wert was trailing at the half 7-2. With Mac's speech on their mind they went into the second half determined to win and they did, 15-7.

VAN WERT VS. ST. MARY'S

St. Mary's had to have a homecoming game and we consented to play; only to our sorrow, for we were defeated 25-0.

VAN WERT VS. LIMA CENTRAL

Lima Central easily defeated Van Wert 46-0. They had an evenly balanced team which greatly outweighed our team. The scarlet and gray showed fine spirit and fought hard till the final gun crack.

VAN WERT VS. NAPOLEON

It showed in this game that you must fight till the finish for Van Wert played on even terms the first quarter, but hey laid down the last three and Napoleon took advantage of this and defeated us 45-0.

VAN WERT VS. DEFIANCE

The scarlet and gray lads were thinking too much of the turkey dinner that was to come after the Defiance game and lost 33-0. There were seven men that played their last football for Van Wert High School. They all wish the team a success next year.



Top Row—Stitsworth, Resor, H. Kouts, Beasley.
 Third Row—Miller, Fleming, Eikenbary, R. Gecowetz, R. Jerome, Comer, J. Gecowetz.
 Second Row—Hartzog, Uncapher, Stickney, Brake, Hammond, Longwell.
 Bottom Row—McGinnis (coach), Murphy, Kichey, Goodwin, Edwards, Linser, Wyandt, Hoecken (manager).

Baseball

With the coming of spring and baseball weather, there were five letter men to report. They were as follows: Wilkinson, Goodwin, Edwards, Hartzog, and Murphy.

The first game of the season was played at Ohio City. This game proved to be an easy victory, for we won 9-3. Not till the fifth inning did a man reach first base. "Wilk," our veteran pitcher, allowed only three hits.

Van Wert, 13; Delphos, 10.

Van Wert, 15; Paulding, 3

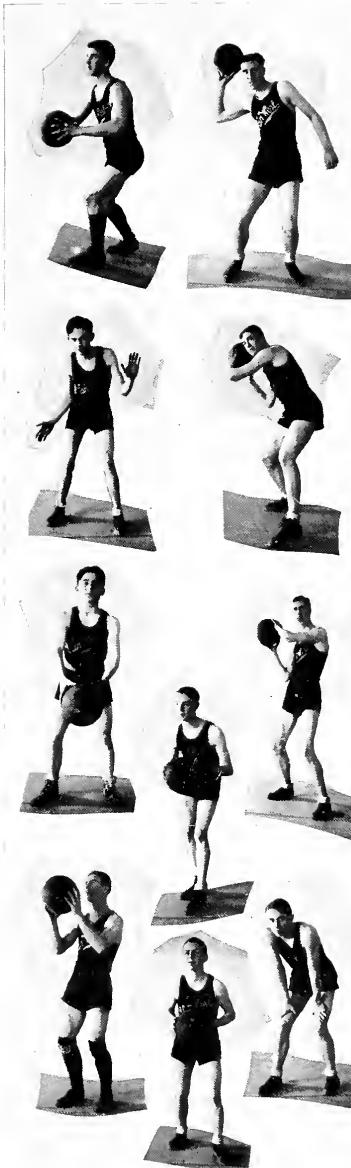




Indian Spurts

"—He never mocks,
For mockery is the fume of little hearts."

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WYANDT—Forward

Playing his first season on the team he furnished us with plenty of thrills with his unexpected flashes and his knack of hooking a ringer from the floor when needed.

BRAKE, CHARLES

Our rangy center played a good game, delivered his share of the points and was an asset on defense. His experience of this season has groomed him well to help bring us a winning season next year.

RICHAY—Guard

Played seventh man on the team and did excellent work at guard. He played it only a few games, but his stellar work warranted a letter and a regular place on the team next year.

MURPHY, ROBERT—Captain

Murphy was one of the finest guards in Northern Ohio. He allowed very few points to be scored against him and was a good under-the-basket shot. His dribbling was perfect and well timed and as captain he led the team well, and exerted a steady influence in the pinch. He was honored at Bowling Green as an all-tournament guard.

LINSER, "TED"—Forward

Was a very fast man, always striking hard. He will prove valuable to the team next year at forward. Give him a chance and keep your eyes on him.

WILKINSON—Center

Our six-foot-three center, although ineffectual the first seven games, took his place on the team the second. He was a valuable man in getting the tip-off and the ball off the opponents' hands. "Wick" was one of the best centers V. W. has ever produced.

DEWITT, TOM—Guard

Tom was able to show his wares in only a few games, but when he played he proved to be a star guard. Tom has two more big years for V. W.

EDWARDS, "DOC"—Guard

Joined the squad a little late, but when he hit his stride he proved to be the fightingest man on the floor. No man was too big for "Doc" to stop. His record is remarkably clean of fouls. He is a clean, hard-playing man.

GOODWIN, "PARKIE"—Forward

His performance on the court, like his work on the gridiron, was brilliant and consistent. Without a doubt he was the star forward of the squad. He made high score on our squad. "Parkie" made the second all-tournament team at Bowling Green.

TREFFINGER, "WHITIE"—Forward

Playing his first year on the squad, he could always be depended on for his share of the points and in most of his games he had that infallible eye.

EXCALIBUR

Review of Boys' Basketball Season

VAN WERT VS. UNION

Van Wert played Union in the first game of the season. Although not having much practice, we won 24-18 (December 9).

VAN WERT VS. CELINA

We defeated Celina on December 16. Van Wert showed a poor brand of basketball in last half, but won by a score of 27-23.

VAN WERT VS. RIDGE

Van Wert easily defeated their old rival, Ridge, 32-10 on December 23.

VAN WERT VS. WAPAKONETA

Van Wert journeyed to Wapakoneta and after a hard-fought game we came out winners by 32-28 on January 13.

VAN WERT VS. DEFIANCE

Defiance came here expecting to win, but Van Wert showed the old fight and gave them their first defeat of the season by 23-20 on January 20.

VAN WERT VS. ST. MARY'S

We added another victory to our list by easily defeating St. Mary's 30-15 on January 27.

VAN WERT VS. ADA

Van Wert won over Ada in the last minute of play after trailing for three quarters 19-17, February 4.

VAN WERT VS. LIMA

Lima rushed Van Wert to a 13-3 in first quarter. In the rest of the game we steadily gained until it was 26-26 at the final gun. In the overtime period we held Lima to 2 points while we chalked up 4 points.

VAN WERT VS. DEFIANCE

Van Wert won the last game of the season at Defiance to make it a perfect season. Goodwin was the only scorer for Van Wert with 16 points, while they only could collect 14.

Inter-Class Champs



Gecowets,

Uncapher,

Clifton,

Good,

Kouts,

Rucklos,

Jerome



Girls' Team

JULIA ROBERTS—*Captain—Center*

"Judy's" fourth year as center showed excellent work. She could jump to an astounding height and when opportunity offered was an infallible ringer of the horizontal loop. An efficient captain, a consistent player and a martyr to the cause are expressions used in describing Judy.

ESTHER ENGLISH—*Center Guard*

For four years "Es" supported the team at practice and her reward is well deserved. Though never a stellar player, her example of school spirit will never be forgotten. Hats off to you, Ole Top!

ELIZABETH KIGER—*Guard*

"Bill"—to speak quite colloquially and expressively—"showed her stuff." She played consistently and fought ardently. Few were the points made by any of Bill's opponents. "B points made by any of Bill's opponents. "Bill's" place will be hard to fill.

THELMA ROSS—*Guard*

The greatest "foul" and one of the best guards in the United States—or maybe the World. It was "do or die" with her and she "did." This was her first and last year on the team, but she did more in one year than many could do in ten.

GEORGIA HEIST—*Captain-elect—Forward*

Georgia worked with Pauline and a finer pair of forwards was hard to find. Though but a Sophomore, Heist proved to the team she was a fit captain for the Cougarettes of '29. Good luck to yon, "Molasses."

MARY POTTS—*Guard*

Mary's first year to make a letter but decidedly not her last. She was a dependable player throughout the season and deserves a great deal of credit for her work as guard.

ELIZABETH STETLER—*Center Guard*

"Betty's" a fast little center guard with pep and perseverance in larger quantities. This is her first letter, but give her time—she's only a Soph.

PAULINE HILEMAN—*Forward*

"Folly" is a true sport (the kind you read about, but never meet) who never crabb'd, but was always ready to do more than her share for the team. She was an excellent forward, and her presence will be missed in next year's line-up.

EXCALIBUR

Review of Girls' Basketball Season

UNION VS. VAN WERT

The first game of the season was with Union Township high school girls and proved to be a fast and very exciting battle. The score was close throughout and the game was won by Union with only one basket to her advantage. The final score was 16-14.

OHIO CITY VS. VAN WERT

The couguretes faced this encounter in true soldier fashion and fought desperately, if in vain, 22-21 in the "fade-out."

RIDGE VS. VAN WERT

For many years it has been the supreme ambition of our girls' team to defeat Ridge and this year that consuming desire was realized in a one-sided score, beyond our wildest dreams. Van Wert started the scoring in the first few minutes of play and at no time were threatened by their opponents. Heist led the scoring for Van Wert, and the game will be remembered for Van Wert's excellent passwork. Score, 23-8.

WAPAKONETA VS. VAN WERT

This game with Wapak—we'd rather say no more about it. It—was the worst defeat of the season, with a final score of 29-13—not in V. W.'s favor.

DEFIANCE VS. VAN WERT

The Defiance game was a real struggle throughout, with fast and aggressive playing on the part of the cougurettes. The final score, 21-19 in favor of Van Wert.

ST. MARY'S VS. VAN WERT

The best score thus far was made with St. Mary's playing modified boys' rules. Hileman and Roberts both had an "eye for the bucket," running up a score of 19-7 in favor of Van Wert.

ADA VS. VAN WERT

After the victory over Ade in 1927 she determined not to let it happen again. Vim, vigor, vitality, etc., were marked throughout, but when the final gun was shot the score was 18-5 in favor of the cougurettes.

DEFIANCE VS. VAN WERT

The second struggle with Defiance was a sharply contested affair with Defiance leading the scoring up until the final quarter, when Van Wert pepped up. Hileman located the basket and the cougurettes chalked their fifth victory.

BLUE TRIANGLES VS. VAN WERT

This game was forfeited to Van Wert because the Blue Triangles failed to show up for the game.

THE TOURNAMENT

Van Wert, playing their first game at the tournament, downed the fast Wapakoneta team by the score of 26-16.

The second game was the upset of the dope bucket. Van Wert losing to the Lime St. Rose team 22-16.

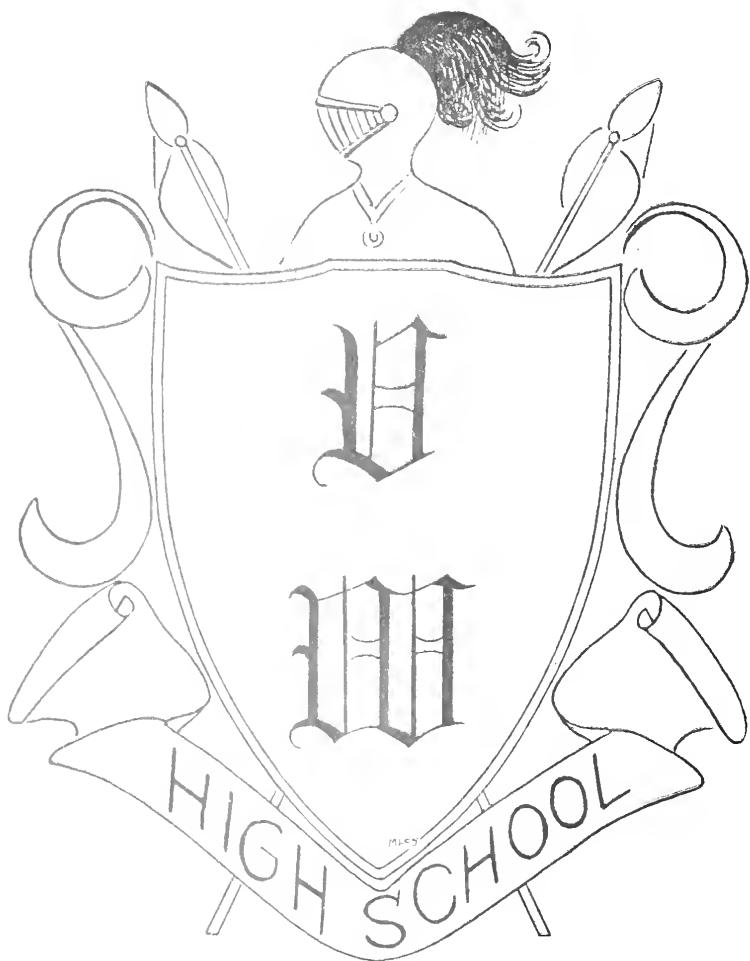
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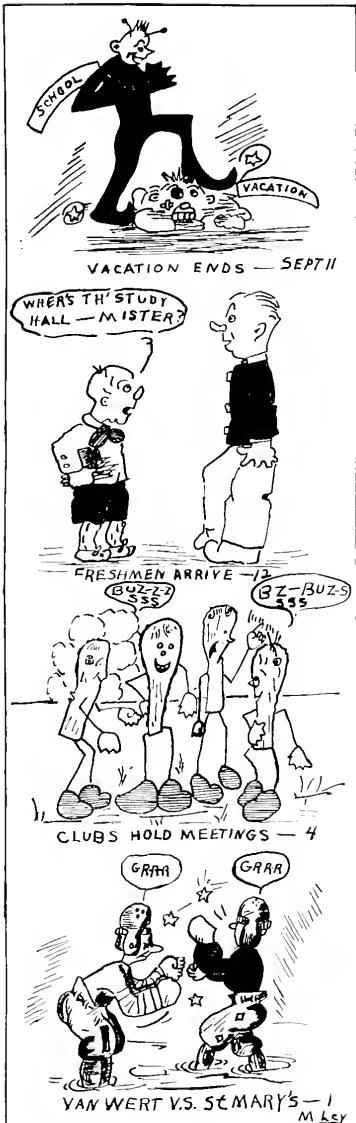
Jests and Jesters

"—*And as when
A stone is flung into some sleeping tarn,
The circle widens 'till it lip the marge,
Spread the slow smile through all her company.*"



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Calendar

September

- Sept. 12—First day. Why say more? Pretty busy.
- Sept. 13—Golly, what a dumb bunch of Freshies.
- Sept. 14—Gene Schmidt gets in class with a flock of Seniors. Social error!
- Sept. 15—Remarkable how quickly things get settled.
- Sept. 16—Sure we like Mr. Moyer.
- Sept. 19—Everything well organized—business starts in earnest.
- Sept. 21—Hawkins gets up too late to come to school—steak roast last night.
- Sept. 23—Assembly—plenty of good music.
- Sept. 27—Beware of skipping.
- Sept. 28—Green Freshie, Ruth C., insulted upper classman, Humphreys.
- Sept. 29—Tryin' hard to be good and please the big boss.
- Sept. 30—Assembly and some rip-roaring good pep talks.

October

- Oct. 1—The big game at St. Mary's and we win.
- Oct. 2—Bad colds from the wet weather yesterday.
- Oct. 4—at last we nominate class officers
- Oct. 5—Nominations are posted and campaign is on.
- Oct. 7—Talks on fire prevention by Brothers Cotner and Crosby.
- Oct. 8—Everyone hearing fire bells from yesterday's fire prevention talk.
- Oct. 12—Football players' prayer answered —big rain.
- Oct. 14—Assembly program. Big snake dance to-night. Everyone feeling peppy for game tomorrow with Wapak.
- Oct. 15—The bacon is ours. Beat Wapak.
- Oct. 16—Hot corn! 'Nother snake dance.
- Oct. 18—Wanta' buy a ticket? Nope, tryin' to sell 'em myself.
- Oct. 20—War is on. Teachers' delight! Glad someone likes it anyway.
- Oct. 21—Hurrah! End of first six weeks.
- Oct. 22—Just too bad. Greenville wins a victory over us in football game. Don't lose courage.
- Oct. 24—New resolutions to turn over a new leaf and study harder.
- Oct. 25—Oh, boy, everybody happy. Why? Grade cards.
- Oct. 26—Operetta—huge success.
- Oct. 27—Actors and actresses still trying to get red paint off their faces, from the play
- Oct. 28—Whee! Everyone shouting one who's day vacation. Teachers go visiting.
- Oct. 31—Heap big parties—ghosts, goblins, witches, 'n everything.



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Contributor: "You might find some of the words in the dictionary."

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Father: "Have you made up your mind to stay in tonight?"

Daughter: "No, I've made up my face to go out."

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She: "I'll marry you on one condition."

He: "That's easy, I got by in High School on four."

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November

- Nov. 1—First Lecture Course number. Fine. Y-Hi girls usher.
 Nov. 2—Y-Hi girls sponsor good movie. "Swim, Girl, Swim."
 Nov. 3—McGinnis uses some of his psychology (?) in class about love.
 Nov. 4—First club meetings. Big High School Party with plenty of kisses given away and otherwise.
 Nov. 5—Kamp Klamor begs for rags, paper, old shoes, boots, or anything. Game at St. Mary's, and was it cold? First snow of the season too.
 Nov. 7—Y-Hi induction service at Y. W. W. Hi-Y induction service at Paulding.
 Nov. 8—We all sell magazines. If you sell 'em real hard we will give you a prize.
 Nov. 11—Armistice Day. Heap big holiday and football game with Lima Central. We lose.
 Nov. 16—Mr. Cotner shows just how things are done in Chemistry.
 Nov. 17—Mr. Moyer declares, no detention—everyone looks so sad.
 Nov. 19—County Girl Reserve Fall Conference at Y. W. C. A.
 Nov. 24—All students attend the last (but not least) game at Defiance; then they fill up on turkey.
 Nov. 27—Dick Good has his monthly date.
 Nov. 28—it's oarful to get down to work after a big vacation.

December

- Dec. 1—How much school spirit have you? Show a little of it and sell some High School Play tickets.
 Dec. 2—Everyone has something to do besides study. First night of the Plays.
 Dec. 3—Yes, they were a huge success, both nights.
 Dec. 6—Freshies can't get their minds off Santa Claus.
 Dec. 7—Hope our basketball team does even better than our football players.
 Dec. 8—The season opens tomorrow.
 Dec. 9—We play first with Union. Mark down one for the boys. Our girls will win next time.
 Dec. 13—Elnora W.'s sparkler is sure causing some excitement, but it is good looking anyway.
 Dec. 14—Second Lecture Course. No! Hudson Octettes.
 Dec. 23—Nobody works at our house. Fine Xmas program and all bid V. W. H. S. goodbye for 1927.
 Dec. 24—Tonight all of us little children hang up the biggest stocking we can find and try to stay awake by the fireplace to see what happens.



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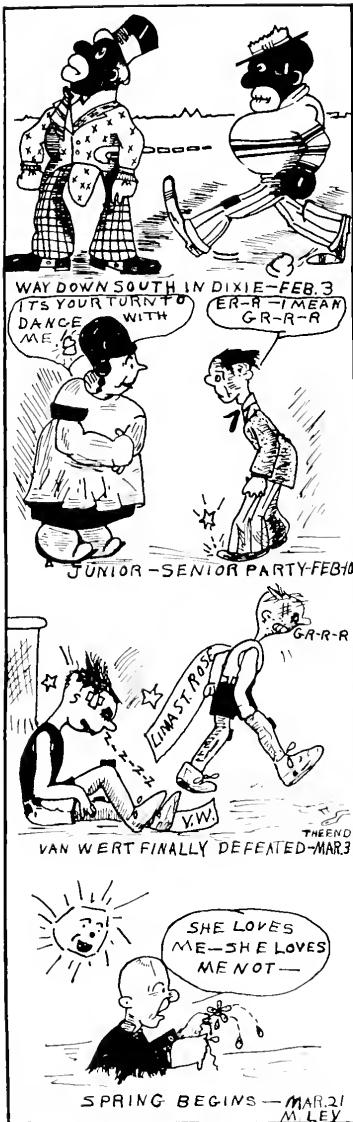
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Dec. 25—Merry Xmas! What did Santa bring you?

Dec. 27—Y-Hi and Hi-Y sponsor a peppy dance at Y. W. C. A. Big success.

Dec. 28—Wedding bells ring for Plotner and Nott.

Dec. 31—S'pose 1928 will ever stand the forty below weather we are having? "Let's watch" is the slogan for tonight.

January

Jan. 1—Happy New Year.

Jan. 3—Well, we're back.

Jan. 4—Isn't it terrible to study again?

Jan. 10—What do all these mysterious posters mean?

Jan. 12—We hope it doesn't prove fatal to anyone until it is solved in assembly tomorrow.

Jan. 13—We might have guessed. EXCALIBUR campaign is on.

Jan. 15—Yes, of course, Dick and Helen are together tonight.

Jan. 16—Our last week for review before those fatal—exams!

Jan. 17—Dad's light bill's goin' right up.

Jan. 21—Sick in bed after that siege.

Jan. 22—Convalescing.

Jan. 24—Mr. Cotter threatens Doris B. with a pail of cold water if she sleeps any more.

Jan. 25—Lecture Course number four. Elizabeth Tudor renders exceptional recital.

We're proud of her for she formerly lived in Van Wert.

Jan. 26—Sun rises 7:14 a. m.; sets 5:12 p. m.

Jan. 30—"Pop" Lehning got out of bed backwards this morning.

Jan. 31—if you have any suggestions for a name for our paper, hand 'em in. It won't be long now—till it starts.

February

Feb. 1—Our curiosities aroused by these leap year questions floating around. Yes, might have known there was some catch to it. These reporters get on my nerves!

Feb. 2—Mr. Gallipo speaks in assembly!!

Feb. 3—"Way Down South in Dixie" was a big success. Black is the prevailing color of complexion.

Feb. 4—Exciting B. B. games with Ada. We win. My, they certainly have some good lookers!!

Feb. 8—Fifth Lecture Course number. "Cape Cod Folks."

Feb. 10—Hi-Y gives Lincoln program in assembly. First edition of our *News Van* today. I'll say it's good. Jr. and Sr. Party in gym tonight.

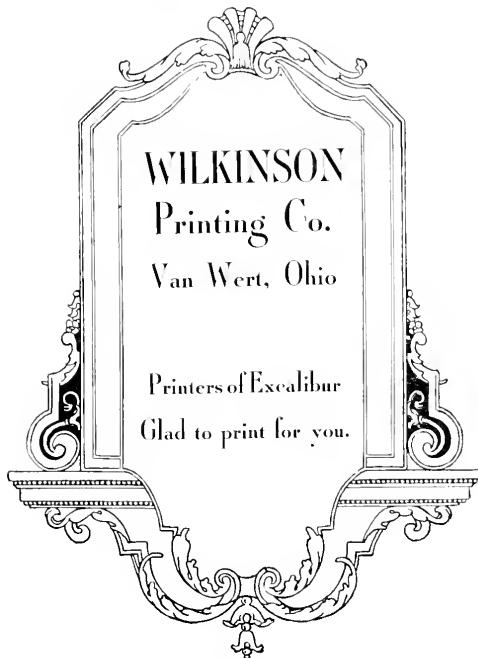
Feb. 13—And "The Goose Hangs High" in our gym—auditorium !!!

Feb. 14—St. Valentine's Day! Lots of hearts fluttering.

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Feb. 17—Clubs meet. Last B. B. game of the season at Defiance. We win both the games. An' how it snowed ! !

Feb. 19—Paul F. says "Call me early 'cause I want to go to Sunday School."

Feb. 21—Washington's Birthday. Program. Feb. 22—No school! Community Eisteddfod in gym—auditorium.

Feb. 23—That one day was just a temptation.

Feb. 24—Edition No. 2 *News Van*.

Feb. 26—Tommy's telephone is surely busy tonight. It's tough to have to turn down the other four.

Feb. 29—Ah, every girl's chance is tonight.

March

Mar. 1—The month of cyclones has arrived. Hold your hat on!

Mar. 2—Even "Patches" goes to Bowling Green to see the Cougars conquer their first opponent.

Mar. 3—We lose to Lima St. Rose; so everybody and his Grandmother start back to good old V. W.

Mar. 4—We know it's coming for "In the Spring a young man's fancy turns to love." Proof enough.

Mar. 7—Junior Play cast is working hard

Mar. 9—Edition No. 3 *News Van*. Lots of us look under our beds after we see "The Cat and the Canary", but not with the intention and hope of seeing a man.

Mar. 10—Play, better still tonight.

Mar. 12—Faculty members surprise Mr. and Mrs. Brooks this evening.

Mar. 14—No, Earl G. is not an escaped convict. His sweater is just another sure sign

Mar. 16—Rotarians beat the Faculty; II. S. team defeats Alumni.

Mar. 17—All Freshies wear their favorite color—green.

Mar. 19—Y-Hi girls start the annual Y-Hi week with a clever assembly program.

Mar. 23—Y-Hi girls give a Leap Year Dance in gym. Huge success. Just shows what the girls can put over.

Mar. 26—What died today in the Chem Lab?

Mar. 29—Sleet storm. Gee, it's terrible out.

Mar. 31—The sun is shining and the ice on the trees looks like diamonds. Is this a fairyland?

April

Apr. 1—April Fool, no school.

Apr. 4—Feigert slept all day yesterday; Doc, slept all afternoon ? ? ? Spring fever surely.

Apr. 5—First baseball game of the season at Ohio City. We won. Edition No. 5, *News Van*.

Apr. 6—Whoopee! One whole day of Spring vacation.

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Mary E.: "Oh, a different fellow every night."

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"You certainly are fresh," said the hen as she laid the egg.

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N. Fox: "What would you do if a girl you were with told you she never wanted to see you again?"

Bob Armentrout: "I'd jump to my feet and leave."

N. Fox: "Yes, and leave her fall on the floor, I suppose."

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Margaret Mohler: "My dear, I nearly had a fit when he asked me for the date."

Mary Potts: "Sounds like good acting on your part."

EVERYTHING FOR THE SCHOOL OR OFFICE

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Apr. 9—Public Speaking Class has been giving dinners lately. (?) Everybody invited.

Apr. 11—The "Drakes" still goin' strong
Apr. 12—"Jim" gave the chorus hail columbia today.

Apr. 13—Bid District Eisteddfod, Lima.
Who's superstitious? We—get second place.

Apr. 16—The Senior Play cast is laboring hard.

Apr. 17—Those dreaded little white cards are out again today.

Apr. 20—What's going to happen? We get out early to go to the game in Paulding.

Apr. 21—Godfrey goes to Delaware to orate today.

Apr. 22—Bill K. doesn't have a date.

Apr. 23—Sell your tickets, Seniors.

Apr. 24—Now Bonny's jealous? ? ?

Apr. 26—Johnny Klein gives a speech in Public Speaking.

Apr. 27—Now for "Once There Was a Princess."

Apr. 28—'Nother full house to nite.

Apr. 30—just another Monday and—April's all gone.

May

May 1—How many girls washed their faces in the dew this morning?

May 2—Graduation is being anticipated in the form of clothes and such like.

May 3—Juniors have too many secrets. Is it Prom?

May 5—State Shorthand-Typing Contest at Bowling Green.

May 6—Evelyn and Charlie have some spats, but—everything's going to be all right.

May 7—"Little Shepherd of Kingdom Come" at the Strand sponsored by Junior Class.

May 10—Mr. Gallapoo gives a l-o-n-g test today.

May 11—We play Delphos today. Last game of the season.

May 12—Ruth R. and Edna K. arrived home from the game (?) this morning.

May 15—Seniors have the right-of-way.

May 17—Willie Nusbaum has his fortune told today.

May 20—The Sunday before the next one.

May 21—Ah, it won't be long now. The last week.

May 22—Teachers are in fairly good humor

May 23—Suppressed tears in the Seniors' eyes.

May 24—All the girls are getting marcel, finger waves, et cetera, for Prom.

May 25—Last day and—Prom.

May 26—Campus party.

May 27—Baccalaureate.

May 28—Commencement.

May 29—Farewell party. Goodbye, Seniors.

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Gene Gilliland: "There's only one thing I hate about going to school."

Gene Schmidt: "What's that?"

Gene G.: "Stopping when I get there."

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P. Feigert: "I told her I'd die if she refused me, and showed her a dime I had saved for carbolic acid."

G. Hertel: "And what did she do?"

Feigert: "Do! She jollied me along till I blowed my dime for 'coker' and then refused me."

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Mrs. Helman: "Wash your hands before you go to school, Daniel."

Dan: "What's the use? I'm not one of those pupils who are always raising them."

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John Jones (at Bowling Green):
"Hey, what do you mean, waking me
out of a sound sleep?"

Gene Schmidt: "Because, old man, it
was such a distressing noise."

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Miss Zipperlen: "It looks like Eng-
land's going to have a lot of trouble
with the Hibernic race."

Parkie (aside to Bob M.): "It's a
shame these foreign countries can't run
their meets honestly."

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Mother: "You wish to marry my
daughter?"

Dos (a diplomat): "Not so much
that, Mrs. B. The keystone of my ambition
is to be able to point to you one day
as my mother-in-law."

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George: "I never met a dearer girl."

Paul F.: "Yes, I've spent a lot of
money on her myself."

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Bonnie: "What will the modern girl
be about twenty years from now?"

Doc: "Oh, about three years older."

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Freshman: "Is it possible to love two girls at once?"

Senior (wisely): "Not if they know it."

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Mrs. Nott: "Oh, Elwood, here's a firm ad: 'Shirts Without Buttons'!"

Mr. Nott: "Nothing new about that; I've been wearing that kind since I got married."

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John Kline (giving report on Indians): "When they die they go to the happy hunting ground, where they have the best time of their lives."

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Mr.: "I saw you kiss my daughter. What are your intentions?"

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Mr. McGinnis: "I wonder why Forest Drake is absent today."
Foster W.: "He burned his hair."

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E. Duckwall: "Hello, I want to order a box for tomorrow."
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E. D.: "There will be six in the party."

Und.: "But they only come in single sizes."

E. D.: "Isn't this the theatre?"

Und.: "No, this is the undertaker."

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Miss Huggins (in Geom. class): "Let me see. You'll find that in the first proposition."

N. Fox (waving his hand): "No, it's in the one before that."

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Miss: "Well, then, tell me who this Violet Ray is you speak so much about?"

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Mr. Cotner: "If your funds were absolute zero how much money would you have?"

Gerald Wyandt: "273 dollars."

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Mr. McGinnis: "I want all the team to keep training rules during the holidays."

Bob Murphy: "I can't. I'm going to Delphos."

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Glen Bates: "Then I'll get out."

Official: "Have you a passport?"

Bates: "No."

Official: "Then you can't leave, I'll give you just twenty-four hours to decide what to do."

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Mr. Gallapoo: "What can you tell about yesterday's lesson, Eugene?"

E. Gilliland: "I don't know, I haven't got that far yet."

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Mr. Cotner: "Tell me something about the joints."

Helen Raabe: "I don't know much about them, I'm a stranger in the town."

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George Treffinger (just waking up): "How?"

Mr. B.: "Correct."

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IN my third day in Tilsbury I decided to climb to the ruined castle that crowned the hill just outside the village. It was an ideal autumn day and as I sauntered along the winding path I hoped that some adventure would befall me.

It was almost noon when I reached the castle and I was glad to enter the crumbling doorway out of the glare of the sunshine. Most of the walls had fallen, but in the center of the ruin I found a huge room from which the tone had been cleaned. The citizens of Tilsbury had started to restore the castle but had lacked funds to proceed further.

At the farther end of the room some crumbling steps led up to the dais which had been used for the throne. Everything was very still except for the drowsy hum of the bees and the sound of the little brook that murmured along far below.

Suddenly the stillness was shattered by the blast of a trumpet. I heard footsteps approaching, and four boys entered the room. They were all dressed in scarlet, like pages of the fourteenth century and carried long silver trumpets. One of them stepped forward and bowed low.

"My Lady," he said, "by the kindness of His Majesty, the kind, you have been chosen as chronicler of the class of '28. Sir Merelin, the count magician, will now disclose to you the fates of your classmates."

He stepped back and an old grey-bearded man entered the room, dressed in a voluminous black voile and carrying a scroll. He bowed curtly and without more ado began to read in stentorian tones the following prophecy:

"Some of the members of this illustrious group have remained in their native town to make it a bigger and better city.

Floyd Schweikle is serving his third term as mayor, while Gaylord Alspach, an amateur detective, acts as sheriff.

George McCollum has gained fame as a photographer. Isabel Land and Virginia Mallory, who are movie actresses, always go to him for the pictures they send to their admirers. Wayne Eikenbary acts as Virginia's business manager and is very popular in Hollywood society.

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Two miles south of town is a national airport which has been received through the efforts of Congressmen Stemen and Mosure. Every day Julia Roberts and Thelma Ross bring the mail from Chicago and Louisville.

On the corner of 58th Street and Lincoln Avenue, Lois Counsellor and Viola Ainsworth have a beauty parlor. Their establishment is especially popular because they employ Harold Gribler, a former pupil of Antoine, as their tonsorial artist.

Not far distant in the city of Mercer, five energetic, young business women have established a real estate company. They are Lucy Brandon, Naomi Thatcher, Pauline Hileman, Helen Cromwall and Helen Wise.

On one of the principal streets of the same city is a large restaurant. Beatrice Medaugh and Marguerite Bower own this establishment, which is frequented by the elite of the town. Alta Whitaker, Florence Parks and Edna Kennedy are their attractive waitresses. Marcile Spayd is a very efficient cashier.

Each day, David Jones, the manager of a cosmetic factory, brings one of his stenographers to lunch. Clara King manages his private correspondence, while Mary Williams and Loraine Stetler take care of his business affairs.

Down in Tennessee is a very exclusive sanatorium frequented by tired business men. Dr. Evaleen Courtney, a world-famous physician, is its owner.

In the same state lives Eloise Duckwall, who married a wealthy southern planter and is a society leader in Memphis.

In Argentina live two bachelor members of the class, William Hoeken and Robert Gant, who after being disappointed in love, went down there to raise cattle and mend their broken hearts. Among the overseers on their ranch are Dale Mathews, Raymond Mohler and Perry Uncapher.

Alma Hawkins married an ambassador and lives in Buenos Aires. She tries to keep the boys from getting homesick.

Recently three Latin students, D'Nelda Baxter, Evelyn Sproul, and Miriam Kline, returned to American shores after visiting Rome. They brought with them four orations of Cicero which they discovered. Needless to say, hundreds of enthusiastic high school Latin students were at the dock to meet them.

On the same boat was Mary Early, the youngest prima donna in the Metropolitan Opera Company. Doyt Fleming is her very capable business manager.

In London an American woman orator charms conservative Englishmen with her speech entitled "Flappers—As I Remember Them." She is no other than Esther Fugate.

In a Bohemian restaurant in lower New York, Mary Ellen Edwards inspires struggling young poets with her music. Her husband, Dr. Edwards, does the housework and works on his book on radium.

James Robinson is president of a university which trains public speakers. Emma-line Evans is his private secretary.

In Greenwich village, Margaret Ley and Lois Rupright have a studio where they sketch the portraits of celebrities.

The season's best seller is "Solitary Bliss" by Elizabeth Kiger, successor to Fannie Hurst. This, the first of her novels is a story of her own life.

Ardeth Lare is another who has won fame by her writings. She writes beautiful, stirring poems in Elizabethan style.

One of the smartest sops in New York is on lower Broadway. Over the door is the sign, "Imported Creations—Hertel & Hertel." Esther and Godfrey have a shop in Paris which is managed by Dorothy Corathers, Neva Alspaugh and Louise Dorman. These girls, due to their training under Miss Zipperlin, speak French fluently.

Three members of the class have become great reformers. George Treffinger, Robert Schultz and Trevelyn Dickinson are touring America and Canada preaching against the evils of the modern world. George inspires the audience with the music of his saxophone.

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Every night at seven o'clock thousands of children gather around radios to listen to Uncle Johnny Klein's bedtime stories.

On Thursday night Julia Morgan, Karola Wertz, Ruth Raymond, Helen Raabe and Grace Kennedy sing popular songs at the Fort Wayne broadcasting station. The "Melody Maids" are very popular and each mail brings them many proposals, but they prefer to remain single. Harold Wyandt is the announcer at this station.

You will recognize two bold bad men of western movies as Robert Murphy and Paul Goodwin, high school athletic stars.

A childhood ambition is realized by Esther English. She too lives in Hollywood, where she is a physical director and exercises all the little "stars."

Middlebury has a very progressive Business Women's Club with Doris Pearson as president. They have chosen Mrs. Elenora Drake and Margaret Evans as delegates to the National Convention.

A Business College has been established by Fern Ireland and Virginia Keller.

At Freisner's General Store in Cavett, Gerald Wyandt and William Thomas may be seen sitting around the cracker barrel and talking of by-gone days.

Norman Worthington raised eyeless potatoes until the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Helpless Plants put a stop to it.

Just outside the village is Ohio's largest duck farm. Virginia Stahl, Beatrice Roop and Helen Le Valle are the wealthy owners of this farm. They had their pictures and the story of their farm in the *American Magazine* last month.

The magician had come to the end of the scroll and with another curt bow he left the room, followed by the four pages.

Far down in the valley the whistles of the woolen mills were blowing. Then all was quiet again save for the drowsy hum of the bees and the murmuring brook. Reluctantly I left the castle, but I realized that my wish for an adventure had been granted.

—VIRGINIA MALLORY, '28.





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—“As one
Who sits and gazes on a faded fire
When all the goodlier guests have passed away.”

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